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## Salado ISD sends bond survey to all registered voters

All 4,300 registered voters in Salado I.S.D. should receive a survey from the school district this week. The last few details of sorting addresses were being completed as the newspaper went to press July 12.

"They should be going out this afternoon," Salado I.S.D. Superintendent Robin Battershell said July 12 of the mailing.

The survey is brief and anonymous, even though the cards are numbered to prevent copies from being sent in and distorting the results.

It poses one question

with room for a short written answer: "What would you support in a new bond?"

Voters have until July 25 to respond to the survey, which will then be categorized by trustees, who are mulling options for a future bond proposal following the April 2 defeat of a \$17.5 million proposal to build a new high school complex on 50 acres of property at FM 2484 and Williams Rd.

New legislation signed by Gov. Rick Perry will severely limit the dates for which the district can call a possible bond. The new law,

which goes into effect Oct. 1, will allow special purpose elections to be set on only two dates: November or May.

However, if the board calls a bond election before Oct. 1, it can use its "free" date which is not tied to the uniform election days. The board must call the election at least 60 days prior to the date of the election.

But the date for a possible election is not as important to voters and taxpayers as what proposal will be called. And that may be influenced by the survey sent out this week.



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Construction is underway on new rest areas on both the northbound and southbound sides of I-35 just south of Salado. The new rest areas, when completed, will be well lighted and expansive, taking up more than 50 acres each to provide a safe stopping area for travelers and truckers along I-35. Expansion of I-35 itself south of Salado may begin this fall.

## Sales tax revenues continue to rise for Salado, county, state

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said last week that the state received \$1.29 billion in sales tax revenue in June, up 8.9 percent compared to June 2004.

Strayhorn delivered \$344.5 million in July sales tax allocations to cities, counties and other local taxing entities, up 9.2 percent compared to last July. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are running 7.1 percent higher than last year.

The Village of Salado

received an allocation of \$24,153.34, up 7.41 percent from the July 2004 allocation of \$22,486.02. Salado collects a one cent levy on sales tax. Year-to-date, the Village has received \$184,623.48. That number is a slight increase - 0.75 percent - from the same point in 2004, when Salado received \$172,936.93 through July.

When compared to neighboring cities, Salado continues to lag somewhat behind. Belton's June allocation of \$179,985.81 was an almost 30 percent

improvement over July 2004, while Killeen's \$1.3 million payment represented a 14.2 percent increase. Temple saw only a marginal increase in its July payment when compared to 2004. Temple received approximately \$920,500 for July 2005 - a 0.19 percent increase. Belton, Temple and Killeen all collect 1.5 cents on sales tax.

Bell County as a whole is also experiencing considerable increases in allocations when compared to last year. For the month,

the county received a payment of \$901,625.34 from the comptroller, which was nearly 16 percent more than July 2004. The \$6.6 million Bell County has collected thus far in 2005 is 13.41 percent more than the first six months of 2004.

The Salado Public Library District, which collects one-half cent on every sales tax dollar, received a July allocation of \$16,093.78, 15.9 percent more than the July 2004 payment of \$13,885.08. Year-to-date, the library

has received \$116,551.02 from the comptroller, 8.34 percent more than this same point last year.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent July sales tax allocations of \$232.8 million to Texas cities, up 8.7 percent compared to July 2004. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 7.3 percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$20.7 million, up 9.7 percent compared to last July. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax

allocations are 9.7 percent higher than last year.

Ninety-seven special purpose taxing districts around the state received July sales tax allocations totaling \$9.8 million, up 13.5 percent compared to last July. Ten local transit systems received \$81.1 million in sales tax allocations, up 9.8 percent compared to a year ago.

June state sales tax collections and July sales tax allocations to local governments mostly represent sales that occurred in May.

## Salado expands ETJ, approves B&Bs

Aldermen July 7 approved the requests of property owners in Yellow Rose Subdivision, as well as others west of Stinnet Mill and Salado I.S.D. for its property on FM 2484 and Williams Rd., to be included in the extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the Village of Salado.

The board, during its regular meeting, approved recommendations from the planning and zoning commission concerning properties on Center Circle

and Baines St. The board approved rezoning 716 Center Circle as "Historic District," which would allow operation of a bed and breakfast. The board granted a Conditional Use Permit to S.T. Meler for operating a Bed and Breakfast at 619 Baines Street.

The board tabled consideration of regulations regarding the trimming of trees above roadways until the ordinance can be further refined.

The Draft of the ordi-

nance states that the Village shall have jurisdiction over trees and plants on Village property or growing in, upon or over Village property. It further states that trees located on private property that obstruct or shade streetlights, obstruct the passage of pedestrians, obstruct vision of traffic signs or obstruct the view of any street, sidewalk or alley intersection is unlawful. The minimum clearance of an overhanging portion of a tree shall be eight

feet over sidewalks, 14 feet over all streets and alleys or any such clearance as will provide an unobstructed view or passage.

Further, the draft ordinance states that it is unlawful for hedges and shrubbery to extend more than four inches onto a public sidewalk or curb.

The cost of trimming trees or other plants that exceed these minimum restrictions will be that of the property owner, according to the ordinance.



In many parts of Salado, including Mill Creek, fawns can be found adventuring into the neighborhood and other populated areas. Be careful not to approach or try to pet any wild animal. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

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Michael Longhofer, a man whose paintings are so realistic and detailed that they are said to more closely resemble photographs, will be one of the more notable artists in attendance at the 39th Annual Salado Art Fair in Salado's Pace Park, Aug. 6-7. See story, page 1B



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# FORUM

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## It's Winnable

A new pall of gloom has settled over the Iraq War. There is no doubt that the insurgency has increased its lethality in recent months, and that can't be spun away. But neither is it cause for existential despair. We can still beat the insurgency, with the very same methods that have already proven successful in Iraq.

Last year, the U.S. military was faced with a radical Shia revolt led by Muqtada al-Sadr in the south, presenting a ticklish problem. If the U.S. were too heavy-handed in response, it could have lost the tolerance of the crucial majority Shia for its presence. If we are to prevail against the Sunni insurgency, success will look like our victory over Sadr -- a messy, imperfect amalgam of military pressure and negotiations, ending with some of the bad guys getting positions in Iraq's government.

In April 2004, it fell to Maj. Gen. Martin Dempsey's 1st Armored Division to handle Sadr's revolt in five southern cities. Dempsey realized that his most important task was to isolate Sadr politically, denying him the support of his fellow Shia. So Dempsey's information campaign with the Iraqi public came first, and the military operation was supplementary to it. "We reversed the paradigm that we had lived with during my first 30 years in the Army," says Dempsey.

Dempsey publicly said that he was going to systematically take back the cities, leaving Karbala and Najaf -- the cities with especially important mosques -- for last. "We were giving the Iraqi people a sense that we were giving [Sadr] a chance to stand down," Dempsey says. Eventually, Dempsey went after Sadr's forces militarily. But he beat them back into the mosques at Karbala and Najaf, and stopped there. There was a negotiated solution, with the U.S. giving up

**Rich Lowry**



on its demand to arrest Sadr, who was wanted on a murder charge. Importantly, Sadr lost political support during the confrontation, rather than gaining it.

With his forces still holed up in the mosques, Sadr lived to fight another day. In August 2004, Maj. Gen. Peter Chiarelli's 1st Cavalry Division had to confront him again. Again a deal was cut. Sadr's forces were ousted from the mosques and stopped fighting. Sadr eventually decided to take part in the political process, and when the new elected Iraqi government was formed in May, his movement got two important ministries. Is this a perfect result? No, but if he is no longer shooting at Americans and his followers are venting their grievances through politics, that is all to the good.

We should be aiming to do the same with the Sunni insurgents (the foreign jihadists are truly irredeemable). If the balance of Sunni opinion embraces the new Iraq, this could isolate the insurgents within their own community, the same way Sadr was isolated within his. While applying military pressure, we will have to talk to the insurgency's more reasonable fringes.

Would that we could simply kill all our enemies in Iraq in a neat black-and-white battle. Alas, we can't. Which is why the fight against Sadr has to be our model.

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## Republicans rattled over potential Bush nominee for Supreme Court. Legislature having problems. A "Pied-Bouche" award

Will President Bush nominate his close friend, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales to replace Judge O'Connor on the Supreme Court or will he succumb to the far right's religious-zealot-anti-everything wing of his party and pick someone with "proper credentials?" Translated that means willing to drop kick Roe v. Wade into the trash can for starters, and then begin dismantling other "problem" decisions made - perhaps starting with John Jay (1789-95), but certainly since the Earl Warren court (1953-69).

Democrats are playing a waiting game - hoping that Gonzales gets the nod. Not because of any altruistic feelings, but for more practical, political reasons since Gonzales' record is relatively moderate, and more importantly - it would cause Bush some internal party problems.

Be a real switch to find **Demos backing Bush on a judicial appointment and GOPers thinking about filibustering!** Shades of armageddon - but ain't politics fun?

### LONG WAIT FOR CONSERVATIVES

Conservatives have been waiting years for an opening on the Supreme Court and now that it has happened, they are panicked by the thought that a strict constructionist might not be selected! Bush is feeling the heat, but pushy-GOPers need to remember - "the man" is loyal to his friends and an attack on Gonzales is not wise. It only helps solidify Bush's thinking (and stubbornness) about putting his former gubernatorial counselor on the high court.

Keep an eye on this unfolding drama - especially if the Chief Justice calls it quits this week - plus (as rumor has it) a third "drop out" - 85 year old Judge John Stevens.

### AND THE LEGISLATIVE BEAT GOES ON (AND ON AND ON)

As of today (July 14) there are exactly six days remaining in the current special session of the Legislature and as usual lawmakers are at odds over the same basic problem that besieged them during two regular and two special sessions - namely "who to tax and by how much!"

The House passed their version of "how to pay" for property tax reductions last Thursday (70-69, with eleven members missing) and over the weekend the full Senate took a swing at the same subject, following a 9-5 finance committee vote.

All day Sunday, Senators worked to find a passable piece of legislation. First they dropped the idea of tying property tax cuts to a franchise referendum; then decided to "study" the franchise tax and by 2008 come up with a tax that would include all Texas businesses; and finally late on Monday may have produced an acceptable (albeit weakened) plan to take to the conference committee. Final Senate vote came too late for this column's deadline.

The conference committee may or may not agree on a compromise between the House and Senate ideas on property tax reductions, but whatever they do (pass a weak bill or fail to do anything), it will be because of the continual battle between those **who want consumers to carry the load (sales taxes), while protecting business from paying their fair share (franchise).**

### STATE SUPREME COURT IN ACTION

On a parallel course, the Texas Supreme Court heard two hours of oral arguments July 6 concerning the con-

### Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



stitutionality of the current system of financing public schools. A lower court declared the entire system of taxing and spending for public education to be illegal (Judge Dietz ruling in 2004) and the case went to the high court.

The Supremes took "under advisement" arguments by litigants representing 300 school districts who want the current funding system tossed, versus the State Attorney General's counter-contention that it's the business of the legislature and not the courts to determine how to pay for public schools. Decision expected early next month.

### "LE PIED DANS LE BOUCHE" AWARD

French President Jacques Chirac was a busy-busy boy last week. First spending time with the French delegation that was leaving for Singapore in what he figured was a "slam dunk" for Paris' chance to land the lucrative and prestigious 2012 Summer Olympics. Contenders: Paris, London, New York City, Moscow and Madrid.

Later the pompous French leader overnights in Kaliningrad, Russia and during a lengthy wet-repast with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and Russian President Vladimir Putin, (who were all on their way to the G-8 meeting in Scotland), Chirac entertained his fellow-travellers with some not-so-polite remarks about British cuisine.

"We can't trust people who have such bad food," the French (wannabe) funnyman complained about his cross-channel rivals. He continued his dinnertime diatribe by noting the Brits are the worst cooks in the world and their food is indigestible!

Chirac's comic routine ended with a volatile "piece de resistance": **"Britain's sole contribution to European agriculture was the mad cow disease!"**

France's beleaguered president Jacques Chirac (and we now know why he's so beleaguered) had agreed to wear a microphone for the media earlier in the day, to help them keep up with his work on the olympic hosting rights. Problem is - he forgot to unhook the blasted mike and so his buffoonery became headline news across England (and worldwide).

### AND THE WINNER IS.....

Next day - the IOC summer olympic winner for 2012 was announced and guess who got the nod? That's right - London! So our next guess would be that Prime Minister Tony Blair will send an immediate personal message to Paris, inviting Chirac to break bread at London's Number 10 Downing (PM's home and office) and urge the Frenchy to come prepared to either enjoy his British meal without a nasty running commentary; bring his own french fries; or **just suck on what has to be his favorite meal - toes and foot!**

Culminating this weird "Tale of Two Cities," we are pleased to announce that **President Chirac is this year's winner of "La Pied Dans Bouche" award.** Easy translation would be "Foot in Mouth" and certainly in keeping with all we have come to expect from many French leaders and citizens whose disdain for Britain and the U.S. is legendary. All this from folks who eat snails (escargots) with both hands!

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# Turnabout is fair play

By Tom Curb, R.Ph.

I just read a thought-provoking item by our articulate, congenial and fearless, rabble-rousing ex-Texas Agriculture Commissioner, Jim Hightower. Because the subject concerned Mad Cow Disease, Jim was definitely in his element while voicing his support for the U.S. ban on Canadian beef imports. As a man of the people and a latter day grass roots progressive (a politician who for some reason never forgets that his obligation is to the folks back home) Jim was incensed that through a NAFTA tribunal, Canadian cattlemen were seeking (and will probably get) about \$325 million in U.S. taxpayer compensation for the money they are "losing" due to the U.S. beef ban.

But, hold on, Jim - be optimistic - there might be a "pony in this room full of horse manure". For instance, some Canadians and a lot of rightfully suspicious Americans are convinced that on a suddenly motivated visit up north, President Bush cut a deal with Canada's Prime Minister. To wit: *If Canada's government would act to cut off the flow of cheaper prescriptions from Canada to U.S. consumers, Bush would allow Canada to ship its "mad" cows and lumber into the U.S.*

While the U.S. Congress (a lot closer to the electorate and feeling the U.S. beef industry and consumers' heat) has stepped up to at least delay the U.S. side of the alleged "beef for drugs" *quid pro quo*, Canada's powers that be, through its Health Minister Dosanjh, are peddling fast to hold up Canada's end of the deal by changing Canadian health regulations. Already heading off Congressional authorization of bulk drug importation, *Dosanjh also wants to throw up roadblocks to keep individual Americans from receiving their medications directly from Canadian mail-order pharmacies.*

Now, Jim, just think about it - "What's good for the goose is good for the gander." Americans who have been getting drugs from Canada have not broken any Cana-

dian laws, and Canadian pharmacies sending them drugs have not broken any Canadian laws - otherwise there would be no need for Dosanjh to change Canada's laws to stop the flow. Also, since American regulators have consistently interpreted U.S. law to allow direct personal importation - in fact, they have never enforced the letter of the law, and they have repeatedly publicized that they don't intend to - it looks like a lot of American consumers might have as good as or a better "NAFTA" case against Canada than Canadian cowmen have against the U.S. - and for a whole lot bigger bucks.

Access to Canadian medications saves more than a billion dollars a year for more than a million Americans who will probably live a long time - while all during their lifetimes the drugs cost and the international price differentials will continue to increase. Also, it is increasingly evident that the current U.S. "govement" seems to be owned, hog-tied, and gutted by the multinational drug cartel, and the U.S. citizenry, with whom both have lost all credibility, is several years from being able to turn this crop of elected rascals out. Therefore, in today's atmosphere of "revenge by proxy", it doesn't seem out of reason that these American consumers might direct their frustrations at the Canadian Health Minister. And - their most immediate satisfaction might be through the "private tribunal of...(NAFTA) trade lawyers" that your article disparages.

I can't help but believe that there is some young, aspiring "Joe Jamail" standing on a county's courthouse steps just looking for a chance at immortality - and by calculating that "X" hundreds of dollars times "X" millions of Americans times "X" years equals many billions of dollars, suddenly realizes that he might be able to put together a huge action for disenfranchised U.S. consumers - a NAFTA suit with potential to shatter Joe's long-standing, multi-billion dollar record. *Sure would beat chasing ambulances, and I'll bet you could sell tickets to that show!*

# FORUM



## Texas School Finance 101 Texans must understand broken system

By Byron Schlomach, Ph.D.

With the special session on school finance and taxation currently underway, Texans need basic knowledge in order to cut through the political rhetoric.

Much of how our current system operates is not exactly how it was intended to operate. But the fact remains it is broken.

Here are some easily understood facts about how the system does - and does not - operate.

**Fact #1:** Rising property values help finance state government. Through the funding formulas and the Robin Hood equalization system, the state determines how much money each school district is entitled to. If local property taxes are less, the state makes up the difference. If they are more, the state takes the difference. Rising property values mean less state money is needed, freeing state resources to fund other things.

**Fact #2:** In the 1990s alone, inflation-adjusted per-student spending increased by one-fifth and has tripled since 1970. No more than a handful of school districts have failed to grow spending in excess of enrollment growth and inflation.

**Fact #3:** The United States gets a poor rate of return on its education spending compared to other nations. The Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and the World Bank have all noted that the U.S. academically achieves less than other nations spending far less on public education.

**Fact #4:** Only half

of current public school employees in Texas are classified as classroom teachers.

**Fact #5:** There are currently fewer than 15 students for every teacher in Texas. In 1960, there were about 24 students for every teacher. Teachers once outnumbered non-teachers and SAT scores were as good or better compared to today.

**Fact #6:** Robin Hood is a scapegoat. Whether an administrator or school board member is from a rich district or poor district, Robin Hood is always at fault for the district's academic woes. Either it is claimed too much money is taken away from or not enough is received by the district. Only more money will cure whatever ails a school district, according to local officials.

**Fact #7:** Well-constructed economic research from noted economists Eric Hanushek, Carolyn Hoxby, and Richard Vedder, among others, repeatedly shows that additional funding for schools is not the answer. The largest single employer, though not the largest industry, in virtually every community is the local school district. Many legislators support more money for schools even though they know it will not necessarily improve test scores or drop-out rates.

**Fact #8:** Arguments for equity are arguments for spending and spending alone; not about kids. Equity guarantees that no district can spend significantly more than any other. If one district's taxpayers agree to spend more money, every district's taxpayers spend more money through the

state system. (See Facts 2 through 5.)

**Fact #9:** The system is designed, purposely or not, to extract more taxpayer money. The courts have said that when districts reach a tax rate limit, we have a de facto statewide property tax, which is illegal. Therefore, the state must constantly bribe districts to reduce tax rates with more state money. Meanwhile, property values continue to rise, reducing the state share, giving an excuse for local officials to raise rates back where they were.

**Fact #10:** School districts are encouraged to tax at the maximum possible rate. The greater the local tax rate, the greater the state subsidy to local districts. Currently proposed legislation would make this even worse, guaranteeing future biannual "buy downs" of local tax rates with state money.

**Fact #11:** School officials are encouraged to categorize children. This is because districts get more money for bilingual education than for regular education.

Unfortunately, current legislation does little to solve the problems outlined above.

Ultimately, the only solution is for the state to define a satisfactory educational system as one that provides enough teachers and classrooms and materials to teach capable children the basics, including English immersion. We already more than achieve such a level of funding. We just need to use it better.

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## President bloats anti-terrorism record



Jim Hightower

One thing you can say about President Bush is that, By Gollies, he's tough on terrorists -- right?

Well, that's what he tells us every chance he gets. For example, he recently held a photo-op in Ohio to brag about his success in prosecuting terrorists. Standing with his chief legal beagle, Alberto Gonzales, Mr. Bush declared that "federal terrorism investigations have resulted in charges against more than 400 suspects and more than half of those charged have been convicted."

Wow! 200 convictions! Tell me -- is that a lot? How many multibillions of dollars are we dumping into the FBI, CIA, Homeland Security, and other agents each year to catch and stop terrorists here in America? Never mind debating Bush's 200 figure, however, for it's just another bloated number to deceive We the People.

*The Washington Post* has just done an analysis of the justice department's own records, and it turns out that the number of people convicted for crimes related to terrorism actually is: 39. That's it. And nearly all of them are hardly superterrorists involved in real plots to harm Americans, but instead are low-level functionaries. Indeed, the average sentence for these 39 is a mere 11 months.

Bush's big boast of convicting 200 terrorists is intentionally inflated by including people rounded up under the USA Patriot law, but who were guilty only of minor infractions having nothing to do with terrorism. For example, 10 percent of his number comes from the conviction of 20 Pennsylvania men, mostly from Iraq, who were guilty of a truck leasing scam -- all of them were absolved four years ago of any ties to terrorism, but Bush still counts them.

From outright lies about WMDs to having political operatives doctor scientific reports...to paying so-called journalists for distorting our news... to now ballooning its meager record on terrorism convictions - this administration will go down in history as the Gang That Couldn't Speak Straight!

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## Things to focus on other than market volatility

As an investor, you need to realize that the stock market will always have its ups and downs. You can't do anything about these fluctuations - but you don't have to let them wreak havoc on your investment decisions.

Of course, during those occasions when your brokerage statement contains unwelcome results, you may be tempted to take action by selling off some "losers." But is this a good move? After all, your investments may only be down temporarily. Furthermore, if you decide you must immediately lower your risk level, and you replace your stocks with fixed-income vehicles, such as certificates of deposit, you could harm your portfolio diversification, reduce your growth prospects and slow your progress toward your important goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

So, what should you do? Here's a suggestion: Look beyond your investment statements and seek out

### Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



the following five pieces of information:

- **Long-term returns** - How have your investments done over the last five or ten years? The long-term returns will give you a truer picture - and possibly a more positive one - of how you are doing. Be aware that a down market can drag down the prices of many stocks and stock-based investments. By looking at how your investments have fared over a period of several years, you can get a sense of whether they are just going through a bad spell along with the rest of the market, or if they are, in fact, chronic under-performers.

- **Total difference in assets** from a year ago - If you've been investing regularly, your balance today may still be higher

than it was a year ago, even if the market is down. That "bottom line" may help encourage you to maintain your long-term perspective and to continue following your investment strategy.

- **Asset allocation balance** - Are you properly diversified? By investing in a wide range of stocks, bonds, government securities and other vehicles, you can increase your chances of success while reducing the impact of short-term volatility. Ideally, your investment mix should be based on your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals. You may want to work with an investment professional to design an asset allocation plan that's right for you.

- **Price/earnings ratio** - If the prices of your stocks have dropped, you might want to buy even more shares. Some of the

world's greatest investors, such as Warren Buffet, constantly look for high-quality stocks whose price is temporarily depressed. By doing just a little research, you can find a stock's "price/earnings" ratio (P/E). A high P/E indicates that a stock's price is expensive, relative to its earnings, while a low P/E may be an indicator that a stock is attractively priced.

- **Dividends paid** - Even if a stock's price is down, it might continue to pay dividends. And if you reinvest these dividends into the stock, you are adding more shares, which can pay off for you if the stock's price rises again. (Keep in mind, though, that not all stocks pay dividends, and dividends can be increased, decreased or totally eliminated at any point without notice.)

Your brokerage statement can give you a snapshot of your investments - but snapshots rarely provide depth or context. To be a successful investor, look at the "big picture."



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## Free enterprise

## Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

Consider the value of our basic freedoms here as they pertain to real estate. In this country you have the right to buy and sell real estate of any kind without asking permission from the government. This means you can choose when to buy, and when to sell.

If the price is too high, buyers are free to look elsewhere. But sellers are not obligated to accept an offer lower than their asking price. Not only are you free to sell your property, you can also will it to your heirs, lease it, mortgage it, give it away or even abandon it. You can even barter for the exchange of real estate.

How does this freedom of ownership benefit you and your family? As a buyer, you can pick and choose from a broad selection of homes, and negotiate the purchase price to your advantage. If one home does not suit your needs, you are free to choose from others at different prices.

As a seller, you are not restricted to any government limits on your sale price. You may charge whatever the market will bear, but buyers will compare your home with others, and make their own value judgments. Overpricing may mean no sale at all.

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# Stop spending the surplus

It's long past time for Congress to return the budget surplus to taxpayers.

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The Social Security trust fund started running a surplus back in 1983, when lawmakers decided to "save" the retirement program by boosting taxes. The extra money collected would supposedly pile up in the Social Security trust fund. Lawmakers assured us this money would keep the program solvent for decades to come.

But the sad reality is that there's no money in this trust fund. Congress spends the surplus on other projects (an indoor rain forest in Iowa, a heated bus stop in Alaska ... you get the picture) and gives Social Security an IOU. Eventually that IOU will have to be repaid with tax money collected from our children and grandchildren.

Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., and Rep. Jim McCrery, R-La., recently drafted legislation to stop Congress from dipping into the Social Security till. Their plan would use all Social Security taxes that aren't spent to pay current benefits to fund individual retirement accounts that workers would own and control.

In its first year, this plan would reserve about \$80 billion in excess Social Security tax revenues to pay future benefits. The surplus would be converted into

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negotiable government bonds and credited to personal accounts controlled by workers — real assets similar to an IRA or a 401(k). Not only does this approach assure workers that their retirement taxes will be spent on their retirement, it allows them to watch their retirement fund grow over the years.

Critics say we can't afford to do this, because it would make today's deficit much larger. But this isn't true. The actual levels of government spending and government borrowing would remain the same. What would change is how they're reported. Instead of raiding the trust fund and hiding tens of billions' worth of general fund borrowing, lawmakers would have to admit just how much of our money they're actually spending.

This seems only fair. Remember Sarbanes-Oxley? Congress passed that law in 2002 to demand that American businesses use open accounting practices. Meanwhile, lawmakers have been content to continue engaging in their own accounting sleight-of-hand.

Well, the DeMint-McCrery plan would be a big step toward making lawmakers play by the same accounting rules they impose on businesses and American families. That's better for everybody in the long run.

This proposal also makes a lot of sense for the individual

taxpayer. The Social Security Administration estimates that, over the next 12 years, taxpayers who choose to start an investment account (they would be voluntary under the DeMint plan) would pile up, on average, about \$5,500 each. That's not enough to retire on, but it's a start. And because these accounts would be invested in Treasury bonds, that money would continue to grow, earning interest long after new contributions stop in 2017.

Plus, taxpayers will be glad to know that the money the government is taking from them in Social Security taxes (FICA on your paycheck stub) is actually going to fund their own retirement, not some new government program. The DeMint proposal is a good start — but it's just that. Congress needs to provide still more truth in advertising and admit that unless it

summons the political will to overhaul Social Security, there's no way the system will be able to pay all the benefits it has promised to deliver.

Bringing benefits in line with resources won't be painless. Congress will have to at least consider pushing back the age at which people may start collecting full Social Security benefits. And lawmakers should take a good look at indexing benefits, so that the safety net program directs proportionately more support to the neediest retirees, and proportionately less to the wealthiest.

These and other potential reforms will be controversial. But everyone can agree that Social Security taxes ought to be used to fund Social Security benefits. The DeMint plan makes sense, because it's a big step in that direction.

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# FORUM

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Thanks from the Reunion

## Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The members of the Salado Reunion Committee want to thank the *Salado Village Voice* for the articles about the reunion, both before and after the event on June 11. We appreciate the photos and article that appeared in the week following the reunion.

We also want to thank the Salado schools for allowing this event to be held at their facilities on

Thomas Arnold Road. It provided a wonderful place for these former Salado students, their spouses, teachers and friends to meet and renew old friendships!

We would also like to express our appreciation to Johnnie's Steakhouse for the delicious catered meal, and to thank all who attended and made the reunion so memorable!

Sincerely,  
The Salado Reunion Committee

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The Austin B.A.T. 16 and Under baseball team won first place at the Eighth Annual Alamo Classic in San Antonio, held June 30-July 4. Three Salado High School sophomores - Johnny Nix, Kevin Jackson and Matt Fritsch, are members of the team, which is coached by John Keller, of Salado.

## Cryar wins second at state science fair

A Saladoan was among several Central Texas students to bring home state honors after winning at this year's Central Texas Science and Engineering Fair.

Lane Cryar, of Salado and a student at Temple High School, won second place in the senior division category of Behavioral and Social Sciences at the Texas Science and Engineering Fair in San Antonio. Cryar's project was titled "Finders Keepers: Losing it in a Large High School. Cryar's sponsor is Kerrie Sweptson.

The Central Texas Science and Engineering Fair is a regional fair whose winners advance to the state and international science fair competitions. Eligible students are those in grades 6-12 enrolled in a public, private, parochial, military or home school within the following counties: Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Hamilton, Hill, Lampasas, Limestone, McLennan, Milam and

Navarro.

Students compete in two divisions: Junior Division (grades six through eight) and Senior (high school).

More than 1,200 Texas students participated in the 2005 ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio. The statewide competition, presented annually by the Texas Science Careers Consortium, was hosted by the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Students qualified for the state competition by placing first, second or third in ISEF-sanctioned regional fairs.

CTSEF will host a teacher workshop on Sept. 7 and a parent/student workshop on Sept. 15 for those interested in participating in the next fair.

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## Dr. Carver will teach auxiliary to write life story

After entertaining college students for over 30 years, Dr. Raymond Carver will present a "How To" program intended to persuade listeners that anyone can write a family history, a collection of anecdotes, story-poems and songs, even obituaries.

Dr. Carver will present the program to the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary July 14 at the Salado Civic Center. The social coffee will be

at 9:30 a.m. with the program to begin at 10 a.m.

He believes that there are only two kinds of writers: Those who never get around to writing and those who do. Note pads and pens or pencils aren't required, but Carver encourages would-be writers to come prepared.

He also encourages all listeners... Even those who don't want to write a lick... to come for the entertainment values.

## Stagecoach manager honored by CTRA

The Texas Restaurant Association Education Foundation announced the Restaurant Manager of the Year award winners from 17 local TRA chapters. The winners are as follows:

Walter Irmschler, Stagecoach Inn, Salado; Ernesto De La Pena, Baby Acapulco Restaurant, Austin; George Aghaci, Kettle Restaurant, Bryan; Carlos Fong, Loaves & Fishes, Corpus Christi; Dan Keils, Fish City Grill, Dallas; Guadalupe Lara, Church's Chicken, Tyler; Elizabeth Blankens, Hilton El Paso Airport, El Paso; Eddie Ghazal, San Luis Resort Steakhouse, Galveston; Maria Christie, Christie's Seafood & Steaks, Houston; Albert Totah, Jr., The Corral,

Victoria; Stephanie Coker, Parkway Grill, Wichita Falls; Enrique Aquirre, La Fiesta Grande, Amarillo; Mary Rivera, Olive Garden, Midland; Bernay Sheffield, Zentner's Daughter Steak House, San Angelo; Daniel Tron, Tomatillos Café y Cantina, San Antonio; Monique Nguyen, Fish City Grill, Fort Worth and Paula Owen, George's Restaurant & Catering, Waco.

This annual award is presented by the Texas Restaurant Association Education Foundation (TRAEF) and sponsored by Ben E. Keith Foods and Texas Mutual Insurance Company. Winners were selected from more than 75 entries and received a cash prize and recognition at local chapter events.

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#### Incident Report for June 2005

Date	Time	Incident
06/01	05:34:00	Alarm system sounded, no fire
06/01	10:26:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/01	14:26:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/01	16:36:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/02	07:39:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/02	20:20:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/03	06:07:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
06/04	21:35:00	Authorized controlled burning
06/04	18:04:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/04	19:13:00	Dispatched & canceled en route
06/04	22:23:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/05	23:58:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/05	09:26:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/05	23:27:00	Authorized controlled burning
06/06	14:13:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/08	13:05:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/05	16:38:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
06/09	14:00:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/09	18:33:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/11	16:31:00	False alarm or false call, other
06/11	20:36:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/12	11:30:00	Grass fire
06/13	23:22:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/15	22:50:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/16	00:45:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/17	11:26:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/18	00:37:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/18	18:31:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/18	22:02:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/19	04:45:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/19	12:53:00	Motor vehicle accident no injuries
06/19	20:57:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/20	09:25:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/20	14:21:00	Grass fire
06/22	13:59:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/23	06:36:00	Dispatched & canceled en route
06/23	14:48:00	Passenger vehicle fire
06/24	17:08:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/24	20:58:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/26	02:45:00	Motor vehicle accident no injuries
06/26	10:08:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/27	15:11:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/27	17:17:00	Gasoline or other flammable spill
06/28	20:49:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/29	13:57:00	Grass fire
06/29	17:33:00	Unauthorized burning
06/30	15:34:00	False alarm or false call, other
06/30	17:19:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
06/30	21:41:00	Grass fire
06/30	23:35:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew

### Village of Salado June 2005 Report on Street/Sign Repairs

REPORT PROVIDED BY ALDERMAN JACKIE MILLS

June 4 Neighborhood Watch signs installed  
Mowed Municipal Building lawn  
Repaired signs on Chaparral & Van Bibber

June 5 Repairs on College Hill Rd  
Edge of pavement on Rock Creek & Chisholm Trail

June 10 Install new poles & signs Chaparral & Mill Creek  
Shoulder repair on Chisholm Trail

June 11 Shoulders Chisholm Tr. & Robertson Rd  
Straighten signs at Church & Van Bibber

June 18 Repair Pot holes on Chisholm Trail

June 19 Half-day - pot holes on Chisholm Trail

June 25 Shoulder repair on Royal, Church St. & Old Mill Rd

June 26 Pot holes/shoulders on Chisholm Trail, Thomas Arnold, Whispering Oaks and Old Mill Rd.

### Democrat women to meet July 16

The monthly meeting of the Bell County Texas Democratic Women will be held July 16 at the USDA Services Building, 1605 N. Main Street in Belton.

Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Pat Perkison, President, will speak on her observations at the Democracy Fest held in Austin recently. All Democratic women, men, and guests are invited.

### Back to school vouchers

Salado Family Relief Fund will provide vouchers to qualified families to buy school clothes.

The vouchers will be available at the Salado Intermediate School 9-11 a.m. on Aug. 8. and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 9.

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### Salado Police Report June 2005

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6/4/05	Driving While License Suspended	Baines Street
6/9/05	Driving While Intoxicated	N. Main Street
6/18/05	Unlawful Carrying a Weapon	Thomas Arnold
6/21/05	Driving While Intoxicated	N. Main Street
6/22/05	Driving While License Suspended	S. Stagecoach Rd.
6/29/05	Failure to Submit Hotel Occupancy Tax	
6/29/05	Failure to Submit Hotel Occupancy Tax	
6/29/05	Failure to Submit Hotel Occupancy Tax	
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Cases Cleared by Arrest---6		

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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.
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## Services held for Quiroz

Funeral services for Julio (Joe) Quiroz, Sr., 88, of Salado were held July 9 at the Salado United Methodist Church on Thomas Arnold Road in Salado, with Rev. Grady Brittan officiating. Quiroz was buried in Salado Cemetery.

Quiroz died July 7 in a Temple Hospital.

Quiroz was born in Gatesville, May 22, 1917, the son of Felipe and Maria Rosales Quiroz. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Quiroz was a resident of Temple before moving to Salado in 1970.

He was an Auto Mechanic, working for Steakley Chevrolet before opening his own shop, Salado Auto Repair.

He was a tireless volunteer in the Salado schools and in the Salado community. Quiroz was a member of the American Legion Post 133. He was a member of the Salado United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by a son Joel Burnett Quiroz, in 1983.

Survivors include his wife Estelle (Pat) Quiroz of Salado; two sons J. Quiroz, Jr. of Salado and Andrew Quiroz of Tyler; one daughter Mary Thomson of Kankakee, IL; two step sons John Dwayne Robinson of Basalt, CO and Don King Robinson of Salado; one sister Betty Leos of McGregor; 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Salado United Methodist Church Building Fund.

Dossman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Retired officers to meet

The Central Texas Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), will meet July 15 at Logan's Restaurant in Killeen. A no-host luncheon can be purchased at 11:30 a.m. for all MOAA members and guests.

A chapter MOAA board meeting will be held 11 a.m., while the program will follow lunch at noon.

The program will be a presentation by the Air Force Contingent at III Corps at Fort Hood.

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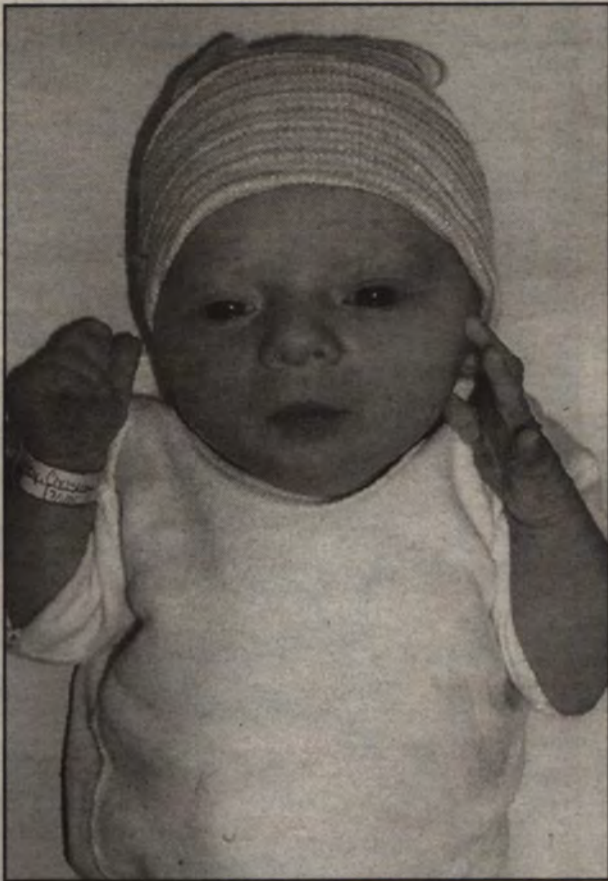


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Kallin Delaney Brantley was born July 1, 2005, to Justin and Christine Brantley, of Wylie, at the Medical Center of Plano. She was 20 inches long, and weighed 5 lbs., four ounces. The mother is a graduate of UMHB, and teaches kindergarten at Dodd Elementary in Wylie. The father is a 1994 graduate of Salado High School, and is employed as a project manager for School House Audio Visual in Plano. He is currently attending Texas A&M-Commerce. Grandparents are Billy and Darlyn Boney, of Salado, and Bob and Peggy Piatt, of Salado. Great-grandmothers are Bynah Stallings, of Salado, and Ruth Piatt, also of Salado.



Victoria, Gregory and Rebekah Brumlow are proud to announce the arrival of their baby sister, Irelyne Marie who was born at home on June 25. She weighed 9lbs. 14 oz, and measured 21 inches long. Proud parents are Maj. David and Stephanie Brumlow, of Salado. Stephanie is a 1993 graduate of Salado High School. Grandparents are Ronnie and Nancy Goodnight, also of Salado. She is the great-granddaughter of Jackie and the late Gene Goodnight, of Salado.

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Dr. Douglas B. Willingham of Salado and Ms. Carol Meyer of New York City recently announced their engagement. Doug has practiced dentistry here for 25 years. Carol, a native of Iowa, was a principal soprano soloist with the Metropolitan Opera for nine years and is beginning a new career as a marriage and family therapist in this area. The couple plan a February wedding.

### Two local men attend general assembly of CBF

Michael Bergman and Travis Sheppard of Salado participated in the 15th annual General Assembly of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, June 30-July 1 in Grapevine.

Members of Hope Community Church in Belton, Bergman and Sheppard were among more than 3,000 Fellowship Baptists at the Assembly.

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Salado United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School leaders donned their straw safari hats and began the journey by making drums for communication. (above)

Attendees were instructed on the significance of biblical treats that were later scooped into personal baggies to eat on the trek. (below)

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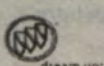
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July 14, 2005

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## Longhofer to show at Art Fair

Detail, color & realism highlight his award-winning work

Michael Longhofer, a man whose paintings are so realistic and detailed that they are said to more closely resemble photographs, will be one of the more notable artists in attendance at the 39th Annual Salado Art Fair. The Art Fair will be held on the grounds of Salado's Pace Memorial Park, Aug. 6-7. Times for the fair are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 6 and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 7.

Longhofer, who works out of Dallas, says he paints because he "has a passion to do so. That passion began in early childhood and continues to grow to this day. I love everything about it...the creative process, the ability to express emotions, the blending of color and the smell of paint. I can't imagine a world without it. It is who I am and what I do."

The subject matter for Longhofer's paintings range from cityscapes and



Michael Longhofer's detailed paintings have won him acclaim throughout the country.

landscapes to contemplative figure studies. He says they are a chronicle

of both his life experience and imagination. "My style of painting is real-

istic and my technique has been called 'painterly,' per-

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**JULY 14**

**Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting**, featuring a program from Dr. Raymond Carver titled "Writing Your Own Life Story." Fellowship: 9:30 a.m.; Program: 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

**JULY 15-17**

**Salado Silver Spur Theater presents a Star-Spangled Salute**, with live entertainment on stage and Harold Lloyd in "Grandma's Boy" on screen. Show times: 7:30 p.m. July 15-16 and 2 p.m. July 16-17. Info: 254-947-

3456 or visit [www.saladosilverspur.com](http://www.saladosilverspur.com).

**JULY 16**

**Cooking Class at the Friendship House, taught by Chef Denise Woods:** Great Summer Salads. Time: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$60. Info: 947-3136.

**JULY 16-17**

**Photography by Jim Sage**, sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS). Salado Square. 6-7:30 p.m. July 16 in the Salado Square courtyard, 2-4 p.m. July 17 in the Salado Square shops.

**JULY 17**

**Salado Church of Christ presents a capella singing group "Escape"** for a free concert, 7:30 p.m. in the church's new Activity Center. Refreshments will be served following the one-hour concert. Info: 947-5241, or visit [www.escapeministry.com](http://www.escapeministry.com).

**JULY 18-21**

**Salado Football Camp.** The camp is open to incoming third-through-ninth graders and will be held 8:30-11:30 a.m. daily at the football field. Cost is \$40. For more information contact Jeff Cheatham at 947-6977.

**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 22-24**

**Salado Silver Spur Theater presents a Star-Spangled Salute**, with live entertainment on stage and Harold Lloyd in "Grandma's Boy" on screen. Show times: 7:30 p.m. July 22-23 and 2 p.m. July 23-24. Info: 254-947-3456 or visit [www.saladosilverspur.com](http://www.saladosilverspur.com).

**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](http://www.allcentex.com/tablerock). Email: [tablerock1@aol.com](mailto:tablerock1@aol.com).

**JULY 25-29**

**Salado Lady Eagles Summer Basketball Camp**, for girls entering seventh through ninth grades. Instruction will focus on fundamentals, team competition, individual competition, as well as team drills, and offensive and defensive schemes. Cost: \$40. Info: Lady Eagle Head Basketball Coach Scott Copeland, 939-7805.

**JULY 28**

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

**JULY 30**

**Mill Creek "Summer Nights" live music and dance**, featuring the local band, A Touch of Class. 8-11 p.m. at Mill Creek Creekside Room. Tickets: \$15 per person, or \$25 for two. Available at Village Realty of Salado, 947-0342, or TBC International, 947-4717. Cash bar available.

**JULY 30**

**Kevin Yeoman and The Blue Crowns "Oldies Rock N' Roll Benefit" at the Salado Silver Spur Theater.** Proceeds to benefit new choir robes for Salado United Methodist Church. 7-9 p.m. Tickets: \$10 adults; \$5 children under 12. Fifties attire optional. Info: 254-947-3456 or visit [www.saladosilverspur.com](http://www.saladosilverspur.com).

**JULY 30-AUGUST 3**

**Grace Baptist Church Vacation Bible School.** Theme: "Kingdom of the Son." 9 a.m.-noon July 30 (one mile west of the church at 7220 Fm 2484); 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 1-3 at the church (two miles west of I-35, of FM 2484). Open to children in fourth-sixth grades.

**AUGUST 1**

**Salado Civic Center Board of Directors meeting**, 9 a.m. at the Civic Center. Meeting is open to the public.

**AUGUST 6**

**Cooking Class at the Friendship House, taught by Chef Denise Woods:** Sauces 101. Students will learn the traditional methods of preparing some of the classic sauces such as hollandaise, béchamel and more. Time: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$60. Info: 947-3136.

**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 8**

**St. Stephen Women's Society meeting**, featuring a program titled "Spiritual Gifts," presented by Barbara Burleson, 6:30 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall.

**AUGUST 8-11**

**SIS student registration**, 4-6 p.m. daily at Salado Intermediate School Commons. Aug. 8: new students; Aug. 9: returning 5th and 6th graders; Aug. 10: returning 7th and 8th grade students. Class schedules, supply lists and locker assignments will be available Aug. 11.

**AUGUST 9**

**Second Annual PALS Arts Awards**, noon-1 p.m. at the Mill Creek Dining Room. Featuring Chuck McCarter and Leslie Hyland honoring Jackie Mills and Tablerock Amphitheater. Admission: \$10. Reservations available after Aug. 1 at 254-947-8300.

**AUGUST 11**

**Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting**, featuring a program by Sandi Wicker, of Habitat for Humanity. Fellowship: 9:30 a.m.; Program: 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

**AUGUST 13**

**Cooking Class at the Friendship House, taught by Chef Denise Woods:** Pastry Basics - Dessert Sauces. Students will learn the differences between crème anglaise, pastry cream, and crème brûlée. Time: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$60. Info: 947-3136.

**AUGUST 15**

**Meet your teacher and stash your stuff night, at Thomas Arnold Elementary School**, 4-6 p.m. Parents and students can bring school supplies and visit with teachers.

**AUGUST 16**

**First day of school for SISD campuses.**

**AUGUST 19**

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

**AUGUST 20**

**Salado Athletic Booster Club Third Annual Reverse Raffle,**

5 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Grand prize: \$10,000 shopping spree at Killeen Home Depot. Tickets: \$150 each, includes 4 meal tickets, admission to silent auction and one entry into grand prize drawing. Info: Ronnie Heller, 947-9090, or Jerry Smith, 947-1093.

**AUGUST 20**

**Cooking Class at the Friendship House, taught by Chef Denise Woods:** Basics of Pasta and Sauces. Students will learn to make a variety of sauces that can be used to top pasta and the importance of pairing the proper pasta with the appropriate sauce. Time: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$60. Info: 947-3136.

**AUGUST 26**

**Salado Eagle football season opener**, versus Liberty Hill Panthers, 7:30 p.m. in Liberty Hill.

**AUGUST 27**

**Mill Creek "Summer Nights" live music and dance**, featuring the local band, A Touch of Class. 8-11 p.m. at Mill Creek Creekside Room. Tickets: \$15 per person, or \$25 for two. Available at Village Realty of Salado, 947-0342, or TBC International, 947-4717. Cash bar available.

**AUGUST 27**

**Salado Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry**, 6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. More details TBA.

**AUGUST 27-SEP. 5**

**Third Annual Salado Salutes Texas Educators Week**, featuring door prizes and special shopping and dining opportunities for aa Texas public and private school educators. All door prizes have a value of no less than \$100. No purchase necessary to register for prizes. Info: 254-947-5040, email [saladochamber@vvm.com](mailto:saladochamber@vvm.com), or visit [www.salado.com](http://www.salado.com).

**AUGUST 28**

**Salado United Methodist Church picnic at Peacable Kingdom**, following Sunday services.

**SEPTEMBER 2**

**Salado Eagle football versus Clifton Cubs**, 7:30 p.m. at Salado Eagle Stadium.

**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](http://www.allcentex.com/tablerock) or email [tablerock1@aol.com](mailto:tablerock1@aol.com).

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**SEPTEMBER 10**  
**Cooking Class at the Friendship House, taught by Chef Denise Woods:** Italian Basics: Pizza and Focaccia. Students will learn the basics of pizza and focaccia dough. Time: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$60. Info: 947-3136.

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

**SEPTEMBER 12**  
**St. Stephen Women's Society "Women's Spiritual Retreat."** Members will meet at the St. Stephen Parish parking lot to car pool. An evening of prayer, meditation and fellowship.

**SEPTEMBER 16**  
**Salado Eagle football,** versus Troy Trojans, 7:30 p.m. at Troy.

**SEPTEMBER 17**  
**Cooking Class at the Friendship House, taught by Chef Denise Woods:** Barbeque Basics and More. Students will learn grilling techniques along with some recipes like Grilled Portobello Mushrooms with Red Pepper Hummus and Szechwan Sirloin Steak with Green Bean Salad. Time: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$60. Info: 947-3136.

**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 23**  
**Salado Eagle football district opener** versus Somerville Yeguas, 7:30 p.m. in Somerville.

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

**SEPTEMBER 24**  
**Bell County Chambers of Commerce Golf Challenge, at Mill Creek Golf Club.** 8 a.m. start. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 947-5040 or email saladochamber@vvm.com.

**SEPTEMBER 26**  
**Third Annual End of Summer Celebration (formerly PALS Wine Tasting Festival)** produced by the Public Arts League of Salado, 6-8 p.m. in the Yellow Rose of Texas room at Summers Mill. Reservations available after Sep. 14 at 254-947-8300.

**SEPTEMBER 30**  
**Salado Eagle football homecoming game,** 7:30 p.m. versus Lago Vista Vikings.

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

**OCTOBER 1-2**  
**Photography Show and Sale,** featuring works by M. L. Bolton, Shauna Mora, and Will Bolton. Opening Reception on Saturday from 6-9 p.m., Sunday from 1-4 p.m. at Royal Street Provision, 4490 Royal Street (3.5 miles east of Main St), Salado. Info: Alice Wells, 254-947-3350.

**OCTOBER 7**  
**Salado Eagle football,** versus Academy Bumblebees, 7:30 p.m. in Academy.

**OCTOBER 10**  
**St. Stephen Women's Society meeting,** with a program by Salado Tourism Director Debbie Charbonneau on "Main Street Preservation USA," 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**OCTOBER 14**  
**Salado Eagle football,** versus Lexington Eagles, 7:30 p.m. at Salado Eagle Stadium.

**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.** Auctions, food booths, games. Noon-4 p.m. on St. Stephen church grounds.

**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 21**  
**Salado Eagle football,** versus Florence Buffaloes, 7:30 p.m. in Florence.

**OCTOBER 22**  
**Salado Education Foundation Chisholm Trail Cattlemen's Ball,** at Tenroc Ranch. Details TBA.

**OCTOBER 28**  
**Salado Eagle football senior night,** versus Rogers Eagles, 7:30 p.m. at Salado Eagle Stadium.

**OCTOBER 29, 30 & 31**  
**Tablerock's Fright Trail,** 7 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Admission: \$5 adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

**NOVEMBER 4**  
**Salado Eagle football regular season finale,** versus Jarrell Cougars, 7:30 p.m. in Jarrell.

**NOVEMBER 11-13**  
**44th Annual Gathering of the Scottish Clans.** First full day Nov. 12 at Robertson Ranch. More info TBA.

**NOVEMBER 13**  
**St. Stephen Catholic Church Turkey Bingo.**

**NOVEMBER 13**  
**Annual Empty Bowl Project and Pots O' Plenty Show and Sale,** benefitting the Salado Family Relief Fund, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School.

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haps because it is some-  
times reminiscent of the  
style of the old masters,"  
Longhofer explained.

A combination of per-  
spective, depth and value  
are keystones of his work,  
as well as the use of color,  
which he uses to create the  
illusion of light, setting

the mood to his pieces.  
He has recently begun to  
experiment with abstracts  
and hand-painted wooden  
boxes.

In just over a decade,  
Longhofer has partici-  
pated in more than two  
dozen solo and juried art  
exhibitions throughout

the country, and has been  
recognized with over 20  
awards and acknowledg-  
ments.

Longhofer served  
for eight years in the  
U.S. Marine Corps, and  
received an art degree  
from Laguna Beach Col-  
lege of Art in 1994. He  
is currently pursuing his  
Master's degree.

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Salado Art Fair is free  
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art fair will also include  
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for the first-through-third  
finishes, as well as a "lame  
duck" award. The duck  
race will be held 3 p.m.  
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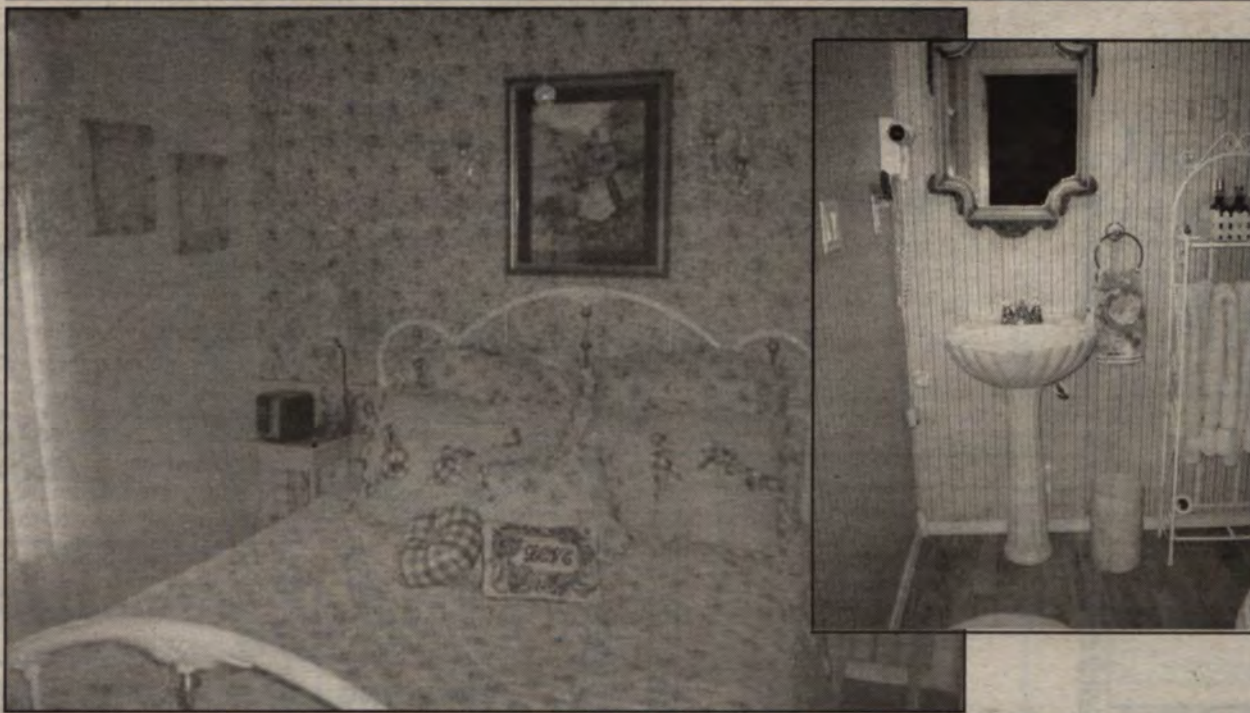
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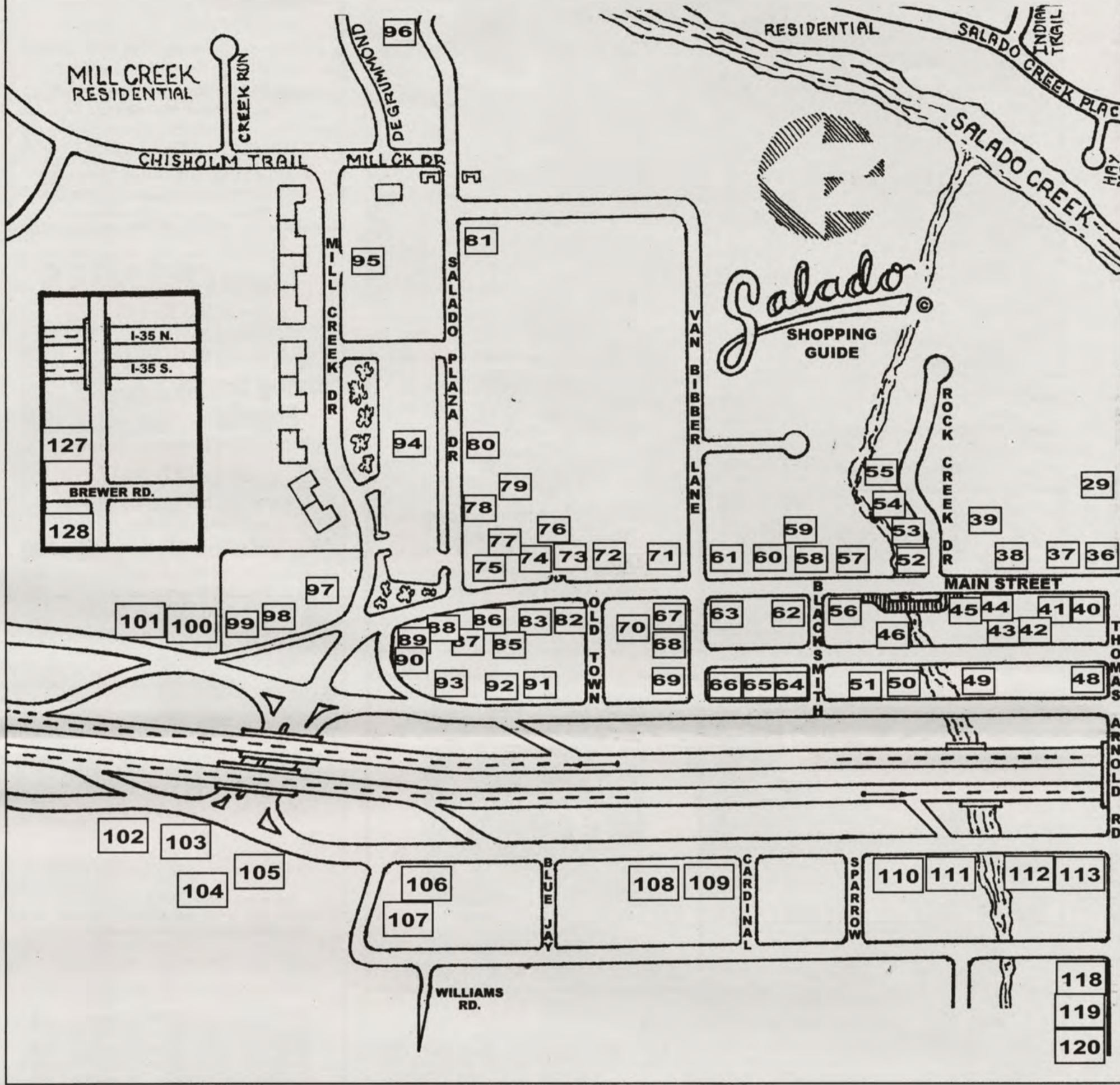
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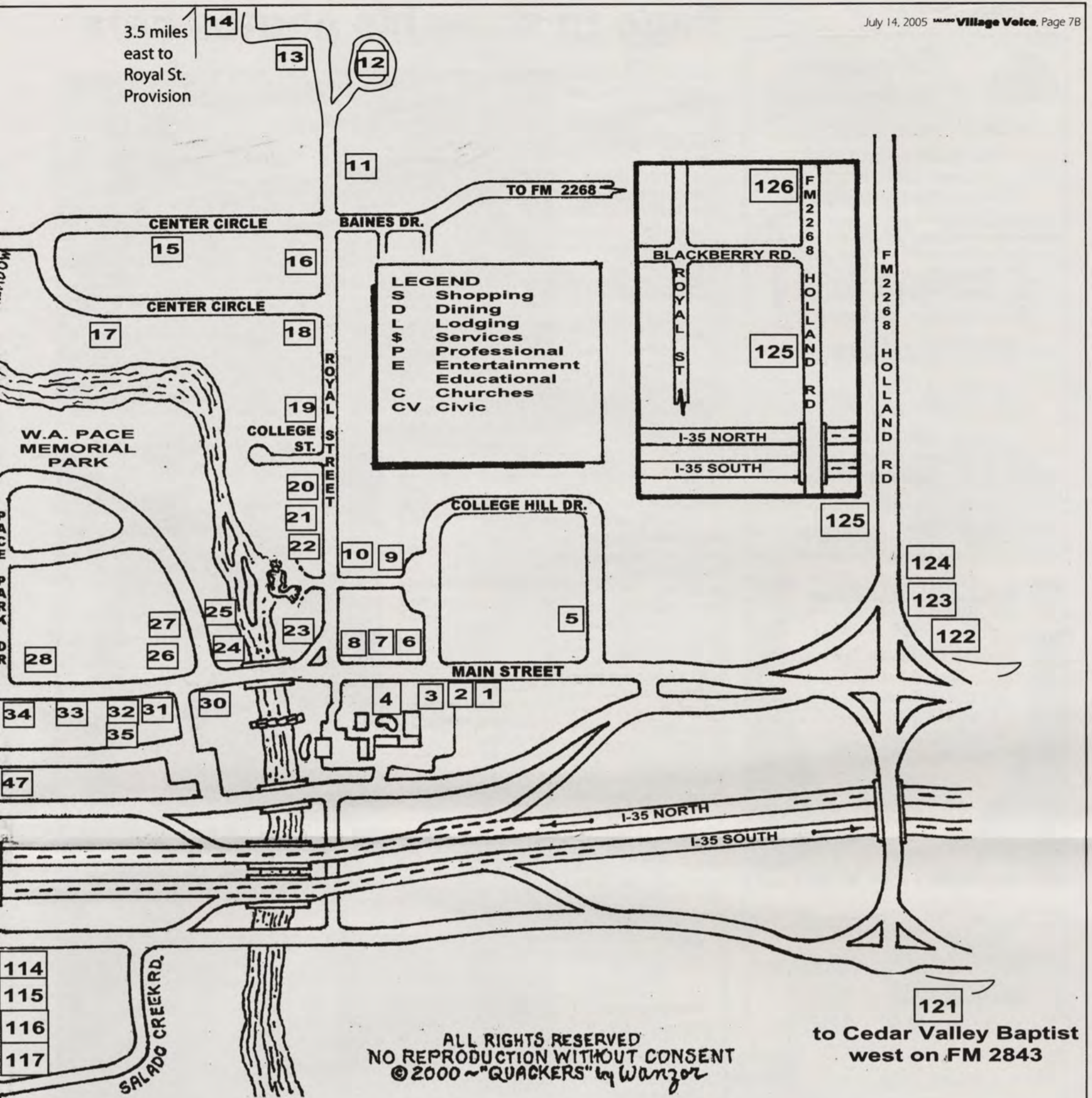
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Sage has extensive experience in all aspects of photography and digital imaging - from shooting in many different formats and subject matter, to editing and managing images.

Sage will show collector-quality photographs from his "Unnatural View" collection. These photographs are part of a growing collection that documents flowers from a macro view. Each photograph is hand-printed on archival, fiber-based paper. Signed on verso and available in a limited edition of 300. Jim's photographs and digital prints reside in numerous private collections.

Sage began his photography studio in 1996, moving it to Houston from Bakersfield, California. He specializes in a wide range of commercial photography and digital imaging services for small businesses, corporations, non-profits, and individuals. Sage



This photograph of the Salado College ruins will be part of a photography exhibit July 16-17, sponsored by Public Arts League of Salado (PALS).

Photography is an active, participating member of Kodak Promise of Excellence and Fuji's Pronet Photography program.

A versatile photographer, Sage has shot many kinds of photos, including portraiture, headshots, fashion photography, product photography, copy work from flat art, architectural photography, weddings, public events, landscape photography, animal/pet photography, and lifestyle photography.

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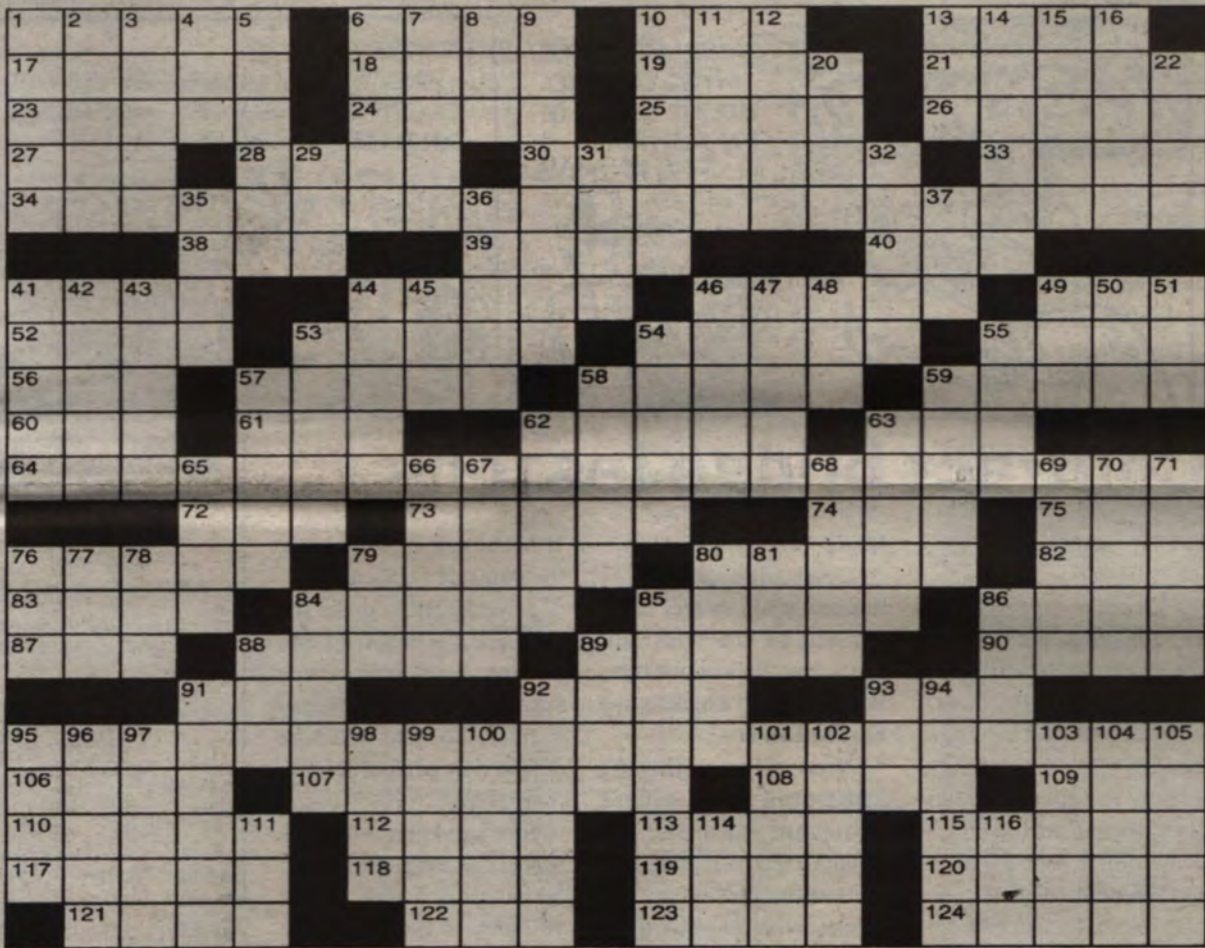
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- 1 Resembling
  - 6 Lowdown lit
  - 10 Small shot
  - 13 Ellipse
  - 17 Prompts
  - 18 Sheet of stamps
  - 19 — League
  - 21 Send payment
  - 23 Buenos —
  - 24 Computer image
  - 25 Non-stereo
  - 26 Praise for Pavarotti
  - 27 "Norma —" ('79 film)
  - 28 Bruins' sch.
  - 30 "Ada" author
  - 33 List entry
  - 34 Start of a remark by Will Rogers
  - 38 Author LeShan
  - 39 About
  - 40 Very cold
  - 41 Mets' milieu
  - 44 Artist Neiman
  - 46 Steakhouse order
  - 49 Kasbah cap.
  - 52 Printed matter
  - 53 Hook on a hawk
  - 54 Wall Street spoilers
  - 55 Poi base
  - 56 Code letters
  - 57 Prominent
- DOWN**
- 1 Peck part
  - 2 A Heap of
- ACROSS**
- 58 Gardener's delight
  - 59 So out it's in
  - 60 Bow
  - 61 Playground game
  - 62 Uncool ones
  - 63 Who stoops to conquer
  - 64 Middle of remark
  - 72 Snaky swimmer
  - 73 Actor Lorenzo
  - 74 Logical letters
  - 75 "Knots Landing" character
  - 76 Yankee Derek
  - 79 Nickel creature
  - 80 Toughen up
  - 82 Dachshund declaration
  - 83 Surrounded by
  - 84 Dedicated to defama-tion
  - 85 Laotian native
  - 86 "La Boheme" seamstress
  - 87 Lave the linoleum
  - 88 Part of a process
- ACROSS**
- 89 Black piano key
  - 90 Spirit
  - 91 — Lanka
  - 92 Mutt of mystery
  - 93 — relief
  - 95 End of remark
  - 106 Corner a cat
  - 107 Indy 500 figure
  - 108 Actress Freeman
  - 109 Fury's food
  - 110 Destined to diet
  - 112 Lost
  - 113 Ultimate whale watcher?
  - 115 Former African nation
  - 117 Actress Marisa
  - 118 Garr of "Mr. Mom"
  - 119 Theater section
  - 120 New York city
  - 121 Salamander
  - 122 57 Across, e.g.
  - 123 Look like a letch
  - 124 Com. treaty
- DOWN**
- 3 Come around
  - 4 Look at
  - 5 Sent out
  - 6 Like some milk
  - 7 Jungle bird
  - 8 Top numero
  - 9 "In Memoriam" poet
  - 10 Hefty grass
  - 11 Witch wheels?
  - 12 Low-octane joe?
  - 13 Sphere
  - 14 Prove
  - 15 Famed figure in fiddles
  - 16 Bile producer
  - 20 Opus
  - 22 Magnum opus
  - 29 R.E. Lee's govt.
  - 31 Part of DA
  - 32 Scores in ores
  - 35 Best
  - 36 Hitter Hank
  - 37 Sail through
  - 41 Scarecrow stuffing
  - 42 Monsieur Matisse
  - 43 Precise
  - 44 A particular Key
  - 45 Lilly of pharmaceu-
- DOWN**
- 46 Mans the bar
  - 47 Met men
  - 48 Rossini's "Le Comte —"
  - 49 Some trimmings
  - 50 Bungle
  - 51 Gnus center?
  - 53 Seek out a school?
  - 54 Conifer coverings
  - 55 Really rain
  - 57 Sleek swimmer
  - 58 Some kind of a nut
  - 59 — Island
  - 62 "In Search of ..." host
  - 63 Unyielding
  - 65 Pay attention to
  - 66 Opens the mail
  - 67 Discernment
  - 68 Hunker down
  - 69 Serve a purpose
  - 70 Fate
  - 71 Impish
  - 76 Berry sweet stuff?
  - 77 Funny Phillips
  - 78 Inside info
  - 79 Herd word
  - 80 Farouk's faith
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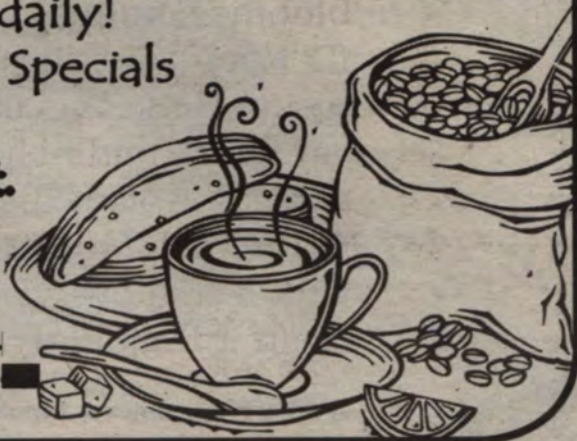
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Assume you're in four spades and West leads the queen of hearts. How should you play the hand?

Your potential losers are a heart, two diamonds and a club. You could try leading a diamond to the king at some point, but, considering the bidding, this is not very likely to succeed.

Oddly enough, your best chance lies in permitting West to win the opening heart lead! The purpose of this play is to forestall East's ever gaining the lead in hearts to return a diamond through your king, which could prove

fatal.

Once the heart is ducked, you can feel fairly certain of the contract. Let's say West continues with a heart, which is the best he can do.

You win with the king, draw three rounds of trumps, cash the ace of hearts and lead a low club to the jack. After the finesse wins, as you expect it to from the bidding, you play the ace and another club.

West takes your queen with the king but is helpless. He is forced either to return a diamond and make your king a trick, or hand you a ruff-and-discard.

Whichever he chooses, the contract is home.

If you were to make the mistake of winning the opening heart lead, which seems a perfectly natural thing to do, you could be defeated by perfect defense thereafter.

The hand points up once more the importance of formulating a plan before you play to the first trick. To win the queen of hearts and then start thinking runs contrary to that time-tested adage: Look before you leap!

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South dealer.  
 Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		
♠	Q 9 5 2	
♥	6 3 2	
♦	8 4 3	
♣	A J 4	
WEST		
♠	7	
♥	Q J 8 4	
♦	A Q 10 6	
♣	K 10 8 5	
EAST		
♠	8 6 3	
♥	10 9 7	
♦	J 9 5 2	
♣	9 7 3	
SOUTH		
♠	A K J 10 4	
♥	A K 5	
♦	K 7	
♣	Q 6 2	

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1♣ 1♦ 2♣ 2♦  
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Opening lead — queen of hearts.

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- Fertilize annual flowerbeds with an all-purpose food to keep blooms coming.
- Keep your shears sharpened and disinfected. This makes for quicker yardwork and helps prevent the spread of plant diseases.
- Provide birds and butterflies with a shallow water source, and clean it frequently.

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# Genealogy workshop upcoming at CTAM

If you are interested in researching and documenting your ancestry, whether it be cowboy, Nation American or something else, you can gain information from "Cowboys and Indians: A Genealogy Workshop," to be held 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., July 23, at the Central Texas Area Museum in Salado.

A special beginner's class will be offered free from 8:30-9:30 a.m. by Bill Buckner, manager of the Genealogy Division of the Waco-McLennan Country Library, for those who wish to learn methods of research. Following the free session, registration for the July workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m. With a registration fee of \$35, participants will be served lunch and refreshments,

as well as benefit from the information regarding cowboy and Indian histories as related by the panel speakers.

Nigel Parker, archives technician of the Southwest Region Regional Archives of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), will give a "how to research" presentation entitled, "Indian Ancestor - Fact or Fiction?" Parker, a Central Oklahoman of Irish, Chocktaw and Cherokee descent, will share examples of researching his family tree using various Indian rolls. He will cover NARA Indian resources, as well as other major printed materials, websites and institutions for In-

dian research. He will talk about verifying information on groups other than "the five civilized tribes," and discuss the general process of applying for tribal membership.

A look at the background of the earliest Anglo-American settlers in Texas will be provided by William Covington in his presentation on "Researching Texas Confederates." Bell will explore an array of print resources, including service, pension and correspondence records while providing examples of researching his own family members who served in the infantry and cavalry in Texas and Georgia.

Beth Rangel, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will provide

insights she gained while researching her ancestor J.C. Turner, a Scottish native who was a Texas Ranger. She will present a multitude of artifacts from his life in her presentation "J.C. Turner, Texas Ranger: A Narrative of Discovery."

Expanding on the topic of Texas Ranger research will be Joe Davis, a retired sergeant with the Texas Rangers and board member of the Former Texas Ranger Association in Kerrville. He will discuss the four major sources of Ranger information in the state.

A presentation on the history of family cattle brands used in Texas may be offered. The events will be held at the museum located on Main Street, in downtown Salado. For more information call 254-947-5232.

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# A crazy cattle drive in the panhandle

When diesel prices went through the roof, truckers went up on their rates. That put ranchers to thinking about ways to save money getting their cattle from one place to another. Guy Walker of Hereford had some cattle grazing on wheat 14 miles away and decided to drive the cattle back home.

"We had two obstacles we had to overcome," says Guy. "The highway and the railroad. We had to cross US 60, which is a very busy stretch of road. We were driving about 2,500 head of cattle so we were strung out for a pretty good ways. The highway department helped us with that and got some highway patrolmen to stop traffic while we crossed.

"The railroad runs right alongside Highway 60 and we found that the train people were not as cooperative as the highway department. They were not interested in changing their schedule. We got hold of the train schedule and were just hoping we could get there when a train wasn't coming through.

"We had the cattle strung out over about a two mile area. I was at the back and we got the front end across the highway and everything went real well. About that time I heard that train whistle and I knew we were in trouble. Thank God we didn't have any cattle on the other side of the track or on the track.

by **Tumbleweed Smith**



"There is nothing that scares cattle like a train. I don't know what it is. I guess it's just a loud foreign sound that they're not familiar with in their usual environment. When that engineer laid down on that train whistle, I think it meant that he was pretty scared, too. He could see a long way down the track and probably thought this was a potential wreck. He really started sounding that whistle. Those cattle scattered. It's the first time I've ever been involved in a real stampede. It had rained

the night before and there was a quarter section of wheat right by the highway. We finally got those cattle to mill on that wheat. You've never seen what 2,500 head of cattle milling around in a wild frenzy can do to a wet wheat field. There was nothing but mud left when we drove the cattle out of there.

"After we got the cattle across the track we still had several miles to go across grass country. By this time word had spread about these nuts in Deaf Smith County trying to

drive cattle across a railroad track. Someone called the local news organization and they decided to fly a helicopter out to cover the story. We had a team of mules that were pulling a chuck wagon. These mules were not helicopter broke as we say and when that helicopter started to land, the mules took off. That wagon would hit the ground about every fifty feet and the cook had hold of that wagon seat with all he strength he could muster and his eyes were about as big as saucers.

"We finally got the cattle across the track and home. By the time we bought the wheat and paid for all the damages we probably could have paid to have the cattle shipped, regardless of the high cost of diesel. The drive took six hours, but it seemed a lot longer. I thought it was going to last several months."

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# What is controversy of feral cats?

Dear EarthTalk: What's the big environmental controversy over feral cats -- Johanna Berg, Brooklyn, NY.

According to the U.S. Census, Americans own more than 60 million domestic cats. But analysts estimate that another 40-60 million formerly pet cats and their offspring roam free. These so-called wild or "feral" cats are blamed for wreaking havoc on already stressed populations of songbirds and other small animals.

While roaming domestic cats also hunt birds and small mammals, their feral cousins--since they are beyond the control of human owners--take the brunt of the blame for the decimation of threatened species such as Least Terns, Piping Plovers and Loggerhead Shrikes.

Cat advocates, however, say the real problem is not feline but human. "Cats are not the primary culprit in dwindling bird populations," says Becky Robinson, co-founder of the Washington, DC-based Alley Cat Allies (ACA). "The Worldwatch Institute and other environmental research groups verify that the decline in bird and other wildlife populations is directly linked to the loss of natural habitat," she says. "Urban sprawl, deforestation, shopping malls, roads and golf courses, and increases in pesticide use and pollution are to blame. We need to put constraints on our own behavior, not the normal processes of nature."

ACA cites a number of scientific studies on feral cat diets which indicate that their impacts on bird populations are negligible. These studies conclude that cats are rodent specialists. Birds comprise only a small portion of their diets, and cats can prey on birds on large land masses without destroying their populations. Cats are opportunistic feeders, and live mainly by scavenging and on handouts from

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Feral cats are also blamed for transmitting new diseases to wild animals, and this is probably a legitimate charge. Cats have spread feline leukemia to mountain lions and may have recently infected the endangered Florida Panther with feline panleukopenia (feline distemper) as well as an immune deficiency disease. Some cats also carry diseases that can transmit to humans, including toxoplasmosis and

rabies.

Despite these issues, ACA endorses sterilization and long-term management of feral cat colonies, as opposed to removal and extermination programs which they deem ineffective, costly to taxpayers and wasteful of scarce animal protection resources.

Regardless of one's personal beliefs about feral cats, individuals can play an important role in keeping cats off the "most-wanted" list. Most veterinarians recommend neutering pet cats, and keeping them well fed and indoors as much as possible to limit unwanted reproduction, predation and the spread of disease.

Perhaps most important, people shouldn't release unwanted cats into the wild. According to the Colorado-

based Cat Care Society, this practice enlarges feral cat populations and is inhumane. Cats suffer in unfamiliar settings, even if they are good hunters. Contact local animal adoption organizations and agencies for help if you need to give up a pet cat.

CONTACTS: Alley Cat Allies, [www.alleycat.org](http://www.alleycat.org); Cat Care Society, [www.catcaresociety.org](http://www.catcaresociety.org).

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**Live Where You Play**



Golfers find Mill Creek golf courses, designed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr., to be one of the most beautiful and challenging in the state. Homeowners enjoy the mile-wide vistas, beautifully maintained fairways and greens, and Salado Creek.

**Owner Financing Available**  
**Close out prices on Phase III!**  
**\$48,000-\$50,000 Golf Course Lots**

Golf course lots	\$40-70,000
Interior lots	\$29-40,000
Estate-sized lots	\$94-129,000
Homes	\$169-715,000

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**UNDER CONTRACT**  
  
New Listing: 3/2/2 in excellent location in Salado with great price. New paint! Call Ryan at 254-541-2255 for a showing today. **\$129,900**



Homes starting in the low **\$150,000s**. West of Salado. Model shown is priced in the low **\$160,000s**. Call for an appointment today to see these homes near Stillhouse Hollow Lake.



Great location and great price in Salado. 3/2/2 with sprinkler system, crown mouldings and large lot are just few of the amenities. All for just **\$162,500**.



Texas Ranch style home with an incredible Hill Country view! Relax on your own hammock while enjoying your Willingham Creek. This home is a must-see **\$450,000**.



Excellent Price and great location in Mill Creek. Clean and well-kept 3/2/2 with two large living areas and great yard. **\$199,500**.



Austin stone home in the prestigious Hidden Springs of Salado. Custom cabinetry and granite countertops. ~~\$227,500~~ Reduced to **\$217,000**.



New Austin stone home on 3 tree-covered acres: 4/3/3. Must see to appreciate this Builder's Detail! Granite Counter Tops, Raised Ceiling, Exposed Beams, etc. **\$369,900**. Additional 3 acres available.



Towering Ceilings, native limestone, granite counter tops, custom cabinets and imported Italian tile will amaze you. Too many features to describe on 6+ tree-covered acres. **\$725,000**.



Within walking distance to park at Salado Creek in Hidden Springs. This new Austin stone home has it all: engineered slab, security system, granite countertops, open floorplan, gas range, gas dryer, gas fireplace, custom cabinetry, covered patio. **\$255,000**.



Quality & Detail Shown throughout Home-3/2/2 on 3.7 Tree Covered Acres. Gibraltar Counter Tops, Raised Ceilings, Open Floor Plan, Master Suite, Etc..... **\$239,900**.



Take a step out of the city and enjoy the peaceful 2 acre setting! Granite counter tops. Huge family room and bonus room with great location. Convenient to Georgetown, Temple or Killeen. **\$325,000**.



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Come Experience your very own Texas Estate located just southwest of Salado. This 4/2/2 sits on over 6 Acres. Amenities included: Granite Countertops, Custom Wood Work, Barn, Master Suite, & Native Limestone. **\$339,900**.



Absolutely beautiful: 4/2.5/2 Austin stone home with a wonderful setting in a Mill Creek. Large living room with raised ceilings, study, workshop and many other extras! **\$274,9000**



Great Location, close to Pro Shop in Mill Creek. This 2/2/1 newly renovated condominium has it all for just **\$159,900**.



Spacious Home on Quiet Street: 6/6/1, the possibilities are endless with over 3,500 sq. ft. on approximately 1.4 acres. Home or business. **\$269,900**.



**550 Acres** with ranch style house west of Jarrell. Call today for more details!

**Acreage/Lots**

- 300 acres southeast of Salado, \$2,500/acre.
- 340 acres southeast of Salado.
- 550 acres Hill Country with house west of Jarrell. Excellent commercial rock property. Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. Lot in Hidden Springs. **\$32,000**.
- 145 acres 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 great trees Hidden Springs. **\$33,900**.
- 5 acres in Hidden Springs, lot #271, **\$49,900**.

- 5 acres in Hidden Springs, lot #265, **\$49,900**.
- 2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900**.
- 3,018 acres on FM 2843. Large pecans & live water. **\$39,900**.
- 44 acres off of Firefly Road between Salado and Florence. Great Trees with typical hill country topography. Will divide.
- Over 3 Acres with oak and elm Trees **\$39,900**
- 10 Acre Home Sites starting from \$99,900. Live Oak Trees and Views!
- Great 2 acre lot in Hidden Springs! Ready to build! **\$33,900**

- Lot overlooking Salado Creek, **\$50,000**.
- One of the best lots in Mill Creek. Private with trees. **\$59,900**.
- Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **\$40,000**.
- Indian Trail - 90x188 - **\$38,000**.

**Commercial**

- Retail Space on Salado Creek, downtown Salado. Call First Texas at 947-5577.
- 30 acres fronting I-35, 1 mile south of Stagecoach Inn. Additional 30 acres available .87 acres off N. Stagecoach Rd. **\$147,408**.
- 3 acres fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$120,000**.

- Approx 3.5 acres off College Hill with small home for **\$300,000**.
- Bed & Breakfast Great chance to live in Salado.

**Belton**

- Large lot with trees in gated Southlake Subdivision. **\$55,000**.
- 5+ acres fronting SH 190 and Boxer Road. Great commercial location. City water available. **\$299,000**.
- 2+ acres at corner of FM 1670 and Highway 190. High traffic count.
- Exit 305 North of Temple. .54 acres with existing station. Excellent business opportunity.