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13th Salado Legends premieres July 23

The 13th Annual season of Tablerock Festival's award-winning outdoor melodrama *Salado Legends* will premiere July 23. Other show dates are scheduled for July 30 and Aug. 6. All shows will be held at Tablerock Amphitheater, located on Royal Street. Show times for this season's performances are 8:15 p.m., with a catered preshow dinner served at 7:15 p.m.

Jackie Mills, author and playwright, wrote the outdoor musical drama about the history of Bell County and Salado. She also wrote the lyrics to many of the songs in the play. One song, "Be Careful What You Wish For," weaves the legends of Tonkawa Indians, the dreams of Spanish explorers and the hopes of Scottish settlers into a sweeping tale.

Brandon Baca will portray Andrew McIver once again in this year's production. Baca is a junior at the University of Texas at Arlington, earning a 3.6 GPA while majoring in Advertising

with a minor in Theatre Performance and Military Science.

His ROTC affiliation will earn him a rank of Second Lieutenant in the Army after college. While attending Copperas Cove High School, Baca earned Golden Globe Awards for "Best Actor" and "Best Comedic Performer." He also won a First Place Gold Medal at District and State competition for solo in choir. He has been a member of the cast of *Salado Legends* for 6 years. He has been a dancer, portrayed Tonweya, and has mastered the role of Andrew McIver for the past three years.

Sarah Sanderford, a 19-year-old UMHB sophomore, will play Lucy McDougal for her second year, and is in her fourth year as a Legends' cast member. While attending Belton High School, Sanderford performed in productions of *The Pajama Game*, *Oklahoma!* and in *Guys and Dolls*.

Adult show tickets are \$15, children 12 and under \$5. Dinner is optional for \$8 per child or adult.



Brandon Baca will portray Andrew McIver, while Sarah Sanderford will play Lucy McDougal in the 13th annual production of *Salado Legends*.

Tickets may be purchased in Salado at First State Bank, Fletcher's Books and Antiques, The Salado Mansion or at Compass Bank locations in Salado, Belton and Temple. Tickets may be charged

with a credit card at www.tablerock.org. At Fort Hood, ITR, you may purchase tickets by credit card or cash. For tour or church group rates contact Tablerock at 254-947-9205. Group rates are

\$12 for adults, when 20 or more attend as a group.

Salado's Tablerock Goodnight Amphitheater is located on Royal Street, three blocks east of downtown.

VIN etching offered free on July 22

The Salado Police Department in conjunction with the Travis County Auto Theft Prevention is hosting vehicle identification number etching service for citizens free of charge. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. July 22 at the Salado Civic Center.

The program is a process in which your vehicle identification number is etched into all of your auto glass, as a way to help prevent auto theft.

Many vehicles are stolen and end up in "Chop shops" where parts of the vehicle are placed in other vehicles, or the vehicle is modified with a fake VIN number and re-sold. Auto thieves notice that a vehicle identification number is etched into the auto glass and that the glass cannot be used. It is expensive for thieves to change out the auto glass, so a vehicle with its vehicle identification number etched in the auto glass becomes less appealing to auto thieves.

There are many benefits to vehicle ID etching other than the obvious reason of not being inconvenienced by having your vehicle stolen and filing a claim with your insurance company. Cars with anti-theft prevention such as vehicle identification number etching may qualify to receive insurance discounts. These discounts vary from company to company therefore you may want to check with your insurance company.

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Trustees to sort through survey, budget in Aug.

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado I.S.D.'s Capital Improvement Committee in early August will mull responses to a one-question survey sent to more than 4,000 registered voters in the school district.

Before the committee, chaired by school trustee Lynn Renfro, can begin to review the survey results, the postcards that have been returned by voters will be sorted by school board members and administrators. The board worked out details at their

July 18 meeting on how to organize the data received from voters in the short span of time before the crush of getting ready for students to come back to school and preparing a budget for the 2005-06 school year.

Renfro called for meetings on Aug. 2 and Aug. 3 to discuss the results of the survey.

"The survey will be collated by that time," Superintendent Robin Battershell told trustees. "The committee will have cost figures from Baird-Williams. We should know

what the Legislature will do on school funding -- unless they call a second session. The one piece we won't have will be student enrollment."

The board will meet Aug. 15 at which the CIP will present a condensed report on the voter survey. The board will also discuss the 2005-06 school budget, having already examined proposed expenditures.

Salado I.S.D., like school districts across the state, is in limbo. Finance director Lyndal Cabaniss said that she is building

the revenue side of the budget based on the current state funding templates because there are no funding templates for the proposed school finance reform bills passed by either the House or Senate.

As the legislature was a day away from closing the special session without reaching a consensus of school funding, a second session looms.

If called, the second session may not end until after the Aug. 31 deadline for local school districts to adopt their budgets. The deadline for school dis-

tricts to set their tax rates is Sept. 30.

This leaves local school trustees and administrators holding their breath. In the meantime, Salado trustees took care of what business they could in a short meeting July 18, including hiring new teachers, approving purchases of a storage unit, a hot water heater, and a truck for the vocational truck. The board also accepted a donation of a kiln to the art department. Trustees set the 2005-06 appraisal calendar and approved the 05-06 vendor list.



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Salado native Morris Foster to talk on July 26 about growing up here

Salado native and Exxon-Mobil Production Division president Morris Foster will be the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Salado's July 26 meeting. The club meets 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday at the Stagecoach Inn. Speakers begin their programs at noon.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



The power of the fingerprint

The U.S. has seen the future of border security, and it is the fingerprint. The swirly pattern on a fingertip is what is called in the security business a "biometric identifier." It is a feature unique to every person, and therefore key to establishing someone's identity.

Privacy advocates on the left and the right get suspicious at the mere mention of the word "biometrics," and people have a natural resistance to being fingerprinted because of its association with the criminal-justice system. Get over it. There will be no border security or fraud-proof identity documents -- both of which are crucial when we are attempting to stop a catastrophic terror attack -- without utilizing the amazing power of a fingerprint.

The Department of Homeland Security has now instituted the biometric-based US-VISIT program to begin tracking entries and exits. Someone traveling here on a visa has his fingerprints taken when his visa is granted overseas, and his prints are checked against a database to see if he has a terrorist or criminal background. When the visa-holder arrives at a U.S. airport, his fingerprints are checked to ensure that he is who he says he is, and again against a terrorist/criminal watch list. The watch-list check takes all of about six seconds.

DHS has enrolled more than 28 million people in the system, according to former DHS official Stewart Verdery. He recounts the case of a convicted rapist who was identified at Newark International Airport. He had been deported from the U.S. previously, but had traveled to the U.S. using nine aliases and four different dates of birth. The program has denied entry to 600 people who have shown up here but have no business being in the United States, and has led to the denial of additional thousands of visa applications overseas.

The problem with US-VISIT, which is

Rich Lowry



still in its initial stages, is that it applies only to about 15 percent of visitors. The great bulk of visitors come by land from Canada and especially Mexico. In 2002, Mexicans accounted for 104 million out of roughly 200 million visits. To get into the U.S., Mexicans are issued border-crossing cards that have fingerprints, but they are never checked. Fraud abounds.

Our border with Mexico should truly enter the era of biometrics. It is a massive task, but the technology is there. Border crossing cards can be made so they can be read and checked against a watch list wirelessly, the way an E-ZPass works at a highway tollgate. The New Jersey E-ZPass system processes more than 400 million transactions a year.

Meanwhile, we should be making existing documents more secure. U.S. passports should include fingerprints. That they don't is testament to the power of the privacy lobby. But if you have to present a passport to travel anyway, it doesn't violate your privacy to make it fraud-proof. And a fingerprint will alleviate the most intrusive aspect of the current system, which is the false positives that subject innocent people to intrusive searches because their names seem to match ones on the watch list.

Don't fear the fingerprint. It is the future.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Writer predicts Rove will resign. Legislature ends session without hurting business - only consumers

The current political drama unfolding before us today concerns the identification of a covert CIA operative; a top White House aide; two respected journalists; one GOP apologist masquerading as a national columnist; a special prosecutor & grand jury; a retired ambassador who took on a special job for the CIA. Oh yes - and the President of the United States.

The story begins, and will undoubtedly end, at the President's doorstep. And if Bush doesn't act soon, the escalating verbal screwup (Who said what and why?) will be given a memorable name (Like "dumbgate"), that will haunt "the Man" through his final term of office and certainly impact the 2006 mid-term elections.

It all began in 2002 when former ambassador Joseph Wilson was tapped by the Central Intelligence Agency to go to Niger (West Africa) to "confirm" what President Bush believed was Iraq's attempt to obtain yellowcake uranium for use in nuclear weapons. This was all part of the political buildup for invading Iraq; toppling Saddam Hussein; and obliterating his weapons of mass destruction.

Wilson, after an investigation, told the President there was no evidence of Niger uranium being sold to Iraq. Regardless, Bush went before Congress in January 2003 (State of the Union speech) and reported that the "sale of uranium had taken place." **We invaded Iraq two months later.**

Wilson later wrote an op-ed piece for the New York Times blasting Bush and Company for not telling the truth about Iraq's WMD. At that point the White House "trash team" began a methodical campaign to denigrate Wilson, including a "background" briefing to a reporter, with the explosive news that Wilson's wife was a CIA operative!

That information was passed (illegally - according to Demos) by Bush's top political guru Karl Rove, to Time magazine writer Matthew Cooper (who vowed to protect his source). Rove reportedly termed the info: "**double, super secret background!**"

Shortly before the *Time* story appeared, Robert Novak, a nationally syndicated (super conservative) columnist, wrote that two unnamed sources in the White House told him that: "Wilson's wife had suggested sending her husband to Niger." Novak went on to say that she (Valerie Plame) was an "agency (CIA) operative on weapons of mass destruction."

These revelations blew the lid off any covert attempt to tarnish Ambassador Wilson for his audacity to challenge Bush's reason for the subsequent Iraq war. Bush later denied that any information on Valerie Plame came from the White House and that anyone leaking information from his office would be fired.

Special prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald was named to determine if any federal secrecy laws were broken (and if so - by whom). When he hauled Cooper and *New York Times* reporter Judith Miller (who was in the process of preparing a story on the matter), before a federal grand jury, the journalists refused to name their sources and were subsequently found guilty of contempt and assessed jail time.

Time magazine later released the name of Karl Rove as the "leaker" and Cooper was excused from going to prison.

Incidentally - Novak has not been threatened with any legal problems (to date), yet he was the first to print the story and name a CIA operative. Miller never wrote her story - and she is in the calaboose. Figure that one out, if you can.

Off the Record
by Ken Clapp



ROVE WILL RESIGN

Will Fitzgerald find a "smoking gun?" Will Bush fire Rove? Will Miller be released from jail? Will Novak be left unscathed? Will this affect the GOP's so called "high moral ground" standings? And, will Democrats figure out a way to make this work for them next year, and more importantly in 2008?

It is this writer's opinion that Rove will be gone in a matter of weeks - perhaps sooner. He'll tell the world that he's innocent of any wrongdoing, but didn't want the "liberal media hysteria" to hurt his boss and confidant - George Bush.

Joe Wilson was not the first to receive the full impact of a White House vendetta - nor will he be the last. The gang of hired West Wing "protectionists" - with the President's permission (perhaps direction) - will not permit what they call disloyalty, whistle blowing, or heaven forbid - calling public attention to any misinformation, stupidity, or outright improbity committed by the Bush Administration.

TEXANS LOSE - LAWMAKERS & BUSINESS WIN

By the time you read this column - the special session will be over and the fourth attempt to reform public school finance will have failed - even if they pass the "joke" lawmakers finally cobbled together at the last minute and called reform.

(Late Monday...Deadline news from Austin: Governor Perry expected to call an immediate second special session if lawmakers fail to pass the school finance bill.)

As of this column's Monday morning deadline, nothing had passed, but lurking in the wings was the controversial education finance plan that business - primarily oil and gas industrialists, had succeeded in forcing consumers to finance - through increased sales taxes, (while protecting themselves from paying their fair share); a constitutional amendment protecting homeowners from commercial eminent domain: enhanced retirement benefits for lawmakers; and a **disaster floundering under the guise of "lowering residential phone rates by letting telephone companies set their own rates."**

That last item belongs to our own Senator Troy Fraser, and will end up with all of us paying higher residential phone bills very soon. We need to talk to Troy about his buddying around with the telecom industry.

NEXT WEEK - FULL REPORT

Next week we'll sweep-up the leavings from the special session and try to make heads-or-tails out of the fouled-up 30 days of do-nothingism.

As always - when school finance is on the lawmaking griddle - the loser is the classroom teacher. Why these good people support folks like Governor (Crazy Hair) Perry and his lawmaking associates is beyond comprehension.

Educators deserve better - but they need to become more politically savvy and this they seem to dislike, even more than their disgracefully low salaries.

That's -30-
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To the Editor:

For many years in Texas, there were huge differences in the amount of money available to educate children in public schools. Before 1995, some of the wealthiest school systems spent \$10,000 per student and still had low school tax rates. At the same time, some property poor school systems often had as little as \$3,000 per pupil and had much higher taxes. Texas has since relied on "recapture" to help those schools who are considered "property poor" school districts. Temple, Belton, Salado, Rogers and Academy all fall in the lower wealth group that benefit from this system. Recapture has enabled 90 percent of all Texas students (the percentage of students not attending "property rich" districts) to have a higher level of education by using extra money from the very few "property rich" districts and re-distributing this money to those districts titled "property poor."

The Texas legislature is about to change the recapture equation that has previously benefited 90 percent of Texas students (including our local Central-Texas districts) The proposed House Bill 2 will widen the equity gap between the handful of "haves" in 23 school districts and all the other children that attend a public school in a "have not" district. Below are some of the gross injustices that will result from this plan:

- Highland Park, a "property rich" district, will receive a 52 percent increase in per pupil funding while the increase for 90 percent of Texas children (including Temple, Belton, Salado, Rogers and Academy) may not outpace inflation. Even some large school districts such as Houston ISD and San Antonio ISD will receive only four-percent and three percent increases, respectively.

- HB 2 also cuts the amount of funding for economically disadvantaged and Limited English Proficient children, the most rapidly growing segment of school population in our state.

Local property poor school districts have a common interest in an improved and equitable

system for funding public education. Our children deserve to receive the same educational advantages that children in Highland Park ISD, Eanes (Austin Westlake) ISD, Midway ISD, and Plano ISD receive! We have great kids in Bell County, and they deserve a fair chance. When our students apply to college or take the SAT exam, no one will grant them extra credit because they came from a property poor school district. Local students and teachers have worked very hard and have made fantastic strides towards meeting tougher accountability standards. If we are to continue moving forward as a state, we must have a fair and equitable system for funding public education.

All of the elected officials who represent Temple, Belton, Salado, Rogers and Academy have voted to support a bill that directly hurts the very students, teachers and parents they represent. I find it ironic that on Thursday, June 14, 2001 one of our representatives was quoted in the *Temple Daily Telegram* as saying that it was her job to, "protect communities of interest such as cities and school districts." By voting for this legislation our local representatives are NOT protecting the cities and school districts that they were appointed to represent. They have been unwilling or unable to act in a bi-partisan manner when it comes to our children's public school education. I find it offensive that in order to satisfy "big business" and "wealthy school" lobbyists that our elected state representatives have directly voted to injure the very people they were elected to protect. We cannot allow our Temple, Belton, Salado, Rogers and Academy children to be slighted in such an obvious manner. Our kids deserve state representatives who will fight for them in the face of partisan pressures. Please research the issues, share these issues with five friends who are active voters, and let our "leaders" know that we will not allow our local children to be slighted.

Bradley Carpenter
Temple, TX
Father/Educator

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FORUM



Fannie & Freddie: Money Pits

Many lawmakers want to fix Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the two huge government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs) that buy and sell mortgages. That makes sense.

In recent years, they've attracted plenty of controversy. Earlier this year, Fannie Mae admitted to accounting irregularities. Some of its leading officers resigned, and the company cut its dividend in half. Freddie Mac had suffered its own accounting and ethical lapses two years earlier.

But the proposed reform would itself create a large problem. The House of Representatives is considering a measure that would force these GSEs to set aside five percent of their profits for an "affordable housing fund."

That may sound like a small amount, but five percent would represent an estimated \$400 million next year alone. This money would be handed over to non-profits that say they develop or manage affordable housing. However, many of these groups also engage in other activities.

Take ACORN (the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now), which says it works to "build and preserve housing assets" for the needy.

That's hardly the end of its to-do list. Last year, for example, it was involved in voter registration controversies in several states, and criminal charges may still be filed. It also lobbies for government-imposed "living wages" far in excess of minimum wages (and beyond what the group sometimes pays its own activists). An excessive "living wage" could end up costing unskilled workers their

Heritage Forum

By Edwin Feulner, President Heritage Foundation



jobs.

ACORN also opposes President Bush's proposed Social Security reforms (although it's not clear how such reforms would affect housing) and even stages protest rallies, including one at The Heritage Foundation a few years ago.

Oh, and by the way, groups such as ACORN tend to be radically liberal. That may explain why Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., pressed to have this measure included in the GSE reform: It's an easy way to fund liberal pressure groups at taxpayer expense. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, in turn, would win an army of lobbyists for its cause anxious to keep these monopolies — and their money streams — going strong.

Luckily, the conservative Republican Study Committee spotted this attempted giveaway. More than 50 of its members sent a letter to Majority Leader Tom DeLay opposing it. "Personally, I'd rather burn the money than give it to advocacy groups," Rep. Tom Feeney, R-Fla., said.

Or as Rep. Ed Royce, R-Calif., explained, the measure is little more than "an experiment in socialism." We've already got plenty of that — no need for the government to demand even more.

Congress should, though, begin reforming Fannie and Freddie.

These federally supported financial monopolies help entry-level homebuyers

purchase their first property. But in recent decades, they've come to dominate the real-estate market in general. That's partly because they have an unfair advantage over their private-sector competitors: They are each eligible to borrow as much as \$2.25 billion from the federal treasury.

As a first step, lawmakers should phase out that power, forcing Fannie and Freddie to compete for funding on the open market. This also would make clear that money invested through the GSEs is not federally guaranteed.

Unfortunately, too many people seem to think it is. And in fact, since the two companies have so much market share, further financial problems in just one of them could undermine the entire U.S. financial market, which would probably lead to a federal bailout with taxpayers footing the bill.

Instead, by privatizing them, Congress can bring small businesses back into the mortgage market, diversifying risk without harming homeowners or affecting the housing industry.

The affordable housing fund is a bad idea. Indeed, it would make effective reform of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac impossible. Let's make sure lawmakers demolish this idea before it's too late.

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The pain of great wealth



Jim Hightower

You think you're the only one who's having a rough time in today's economy, Bucko? It's time you started thinking about someone else... such as the rich.

Yeah, the rich. Too few Americans give any thought to the hardships of those at the top. Consider something as basic as the sheer physical burden of carrying all that moolah around - the backbreaking weight of their wallets and purses, for example. And it probably never occurs to you that those big diamond earrings and gold necklaces can pull you down by the end of the day.

Yeah, yeah, we hear you working stiffs whining all the time about how your paychecks aren't even keeping up with inflation, but stop for a moment and think about the opposite problem. CEOs, for example, already weighted down with personal wealth, have just had another load dumped on them. The pay of the top corporate executives rose by 12.6 percent last year, averaging nearly \$10 million each. And that does not include their stock payments, which can easily double the weight of their total sack.

Look at the burden of E. Stanley O'Neal, the big dog at Merrill Lynch. In addition to his salary and bonus, he was given \$31 million worth of corporate stock payments. Come on - that's piling on the poor guy! Or Richard Kovacevich at Wells Fargo, who not only had to shoulder a \$7.5 million bonus, but also stock payments of \$20 million. Imagine having to haul that load home.

It would be next to impossible for these guys to bear up under such a load, except that, luckily, they're given chauffeured limousines to carry it away. There are also the golf club memberships, the corporate retreat in the South Pacific, the daily rubdown by the executive-suite masseuse, and other free perks to help make the burden tolerable. It's a mighty hard row to hoe, but someone has to do it.

So when you see the elites floating away in their yachts while you're barely treading water, before you get angry, take a moment to feel their pain.

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Why? Because you may be able to get more "mileage" out of your retirement plan dollars by putting some of them into a Roth IRA. As you may know, Roth IRA earnings have the potential to grow tax-free, provided you've held your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you reach age 59 1/2. Furthermore, when you invest in a 401(k) or a similar plan (such as a 403(b) or 457 plan), you may be required to take minimum distributions when you reach 70 1/2, but you can let your Roth IRA keep growing until

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



you decide when to take withdrawals.

Do you have to choose?

Clearly, both a Roth IRA and a 401(k) offer significant advantages to you as you build funds for retirement. And, fortunately, you don't have to choose one of these vehicles over the other. So, how should you divvy up your contributions?

Here's one suggestion: Put as much as necessary into your 401(k) to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. Then, fully fund your Roth IRA. If you "max out" on your Roth IRA, and you still can afford to set aside more funds for retirement, increase your 401(k) salary deferral. (In 2005, you can put up to \$4,000 into a Roth IRA, or \$4,500 if you are 50 or older.

You can also defer up to \$14,000 to your 401(k), or \$18,000 if you are 50 or older.)

Of course, this strategy may not be applicable if your income is too high to contribute to a Roth IRA. If you are a single filer, you can put in the full amount to your Roth IRA if your modified adjusted gross income (AGI) is less than \$95,000 per year, and you can make partial contributions if you earn between \$95,000 and \$110,000. If you are married, and filing jointly, you can contribute the maximum to your Roth IRA if your AGI is less than \$150,000 per year; you can make partial contributions if your AGI is between \$150,000 and \$160,000.

Keep diversification in mind

If you can contribute to both a Roth IRA and a 401(k), you'll need to carefully choose the investments that make up these respective retirement plans. You won't want to "duplicate" your holdings by choosing virtually identical investments in your Roth IRA and 401(k). Instead, seek to diversify as much as possible. For example, if your 401(k) is made up mostly of aggressive growth vehicles, you may want to fund your Roth IRA with somewhat more conservative investments. Your individual asset allocation should depend on your risk tolerance, long-term goals and time horizon. Just keep in mind that your Roth IRA and 401(k) are two pieces of a bigger picture.

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Why over-improve?

Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

You live in a fine older home in a good neighborhood, but you're ready to sell because of retirement, or job relocation, or any number of reasons to move. You've noticed over the years that some of your neighbors have remodeled, added on, replaced old windows. Now you're concerned that your home won't look

as attractive as the others, but just how much do you need to remodel to persuade potential buyers?

Surprisingly little - if your home is in good condition and offers amenities like location, multiple bedrooms and baths, or large yard. A real estate agent can walk through your home and offer sound ideas for reasonable improvements that will get you the best price for your home. Often, the greatest suggestion is to simply repaint the exterior and possibly some interior spaces.

You'll be happy to know that painting is one of the most profitable cosmetic improvements you can make. The time and money invested can really pay off when your home looks fresh and well cared for. Major kitchen or bath remodeling can be a major and costly inconvenience for you if not absolutely necessary.

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The Heart of Texas (H.O.T.) Chili Peppers 12U Girl's Fastpitch Softball Team recently competed in the State 12U-B tournament in Killeen. The team, represented by players from Belton, Temple and Salado, finished 17th out of 63 teams. This qualified them to compete in the Regional Tournament in Waco and vie for a bid to the National Girls 12U Tournament to be held in Washington State. Pictured from Left to Right. Front Row: Stephanie Bruce (Belton), Regan Tindell (Belton), Megan Harvell (Salado), Kylie Kelder (Belton), Megan Hearn (Belton), Allison-Boston (Belton), Back Row: Talya Bishoff (Belton), Billi Pipes (Salado), Victoria Langford (Belton), Chelsia Stroupe (Temple), Haley Heatherly (Temple) and Ashlee Arnold (Salado). The H.O.T. Chili Peppers are coached by Alan Tindell and Tim Langford.



Elizabeth Dachs

Dachs receives internship sponsored by ExxonMobil

Elizabeth Dachs, daughter of Greg and Carolyn Dachs of Salado, was selected as one of 75 college students to participate in the 2005 ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program in Dallas. Funded by ExxonMobil and administered by the Volunteer Center of Dallas County, the ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program provides paid internships to college students and assists nonprofit organizations during the summer months.

Dachs, a cinema television/economics major at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, is interning at Dallas Community Television where she will help with the production of DCTV. Dallas Community Television gives voice to all the people of Greater Dallas

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 - 1-Box colored pencils
 - 4-Glue sticks
 - 1-bottle of glue
 - 2-Package of markers (1 pkg. thin, 1 pkg. thick)
 - 1-Pair of scissors (safety)
 - 2-Boxes Kleenex
 - 1-Roll of paper towels
 - 4-packages of wide-ruled notebook paper
 - 1-1"3 ring binder (no zip-pers)
 - 2 packages dividers with tabs
 - 2-3x5 index cards
 - 1-construction paper
 - 4-Folders with pockets and brads (purple, red, blue, green)
 - 4-100 page spiral notebooks (purple, red, blue, green) Assignment/Planner book (any kind)
 - \$3 -Set of Saxon worksheets to be purchased through Math teacher
 - 2-Composition notebooks (100 sheets wide-ruled)
- Sixth Grade**
- 2-Boxes Kleenex
 - Map colors Markers
 - Ruler
 - 2-Packages pencils
 - Black or blue pens

- 2-Red pens
- 120 page wide-ruled spiral notebook
- 70 page wide-ruled spiral notebook
- Scissors
- 2-Packages notebook paper
- 6-Folders with pockets and brads
- 1-Package 5-subject dividers
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- \$3 Set of Saxon worksheets to be purchased through Math teacher
- 2-Composition notebooks

- Seventh/Eighth Grade**
- 1-Pencil bag
 - 2-Red pens
 - 2-Black or blue pens
 - 6-Pencils
 - 1-Box of map colors
 - 2-Highlighters (different colors)
 - 1-Large eraser
 - 1-Pad of post-its 2"x3"
 - 3-Packages of dividers
 - 1-Box of Kleenex
 - Notebook paper
 - \$3-Saxon Math worksheets to be purchased through Math teacher
- Students are strongly encouraged not to use backpacks. A three-ring trapper or other brand of notebook is preferred.

SISD registration dates announced

Salado ISD has announced registration schedules for the upcoming school year.

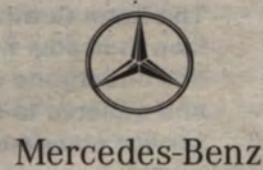
Salado Intermediate School will conduct its registration 4-6 p.m. Aug. 8-10 in the SIS commons. Only students new to Salado will be allowed to register Aug. 8, while registration on Aug. 9 is for returning fifth and sixth grade students, and the Aug. 10 registration period is for returning seventh and eighth graders. In addition, schedules for new students will be available for pickup at SIS between 4-6 p.m. Aug. 11.

Parents will complete registration packets for new students, and emergency cards for returning students only. Students will receive supply lists and locker assignments.

Salado High School registration will take place Aug. 9 and Aug. 11. Seniors will register 9-11 a.m. Aug. 9, juniors 1-3 p.m. Aug. 9, freshmen 9-11:30 a.m. Aug. 11, and sophomores 1-3 p.m. Aug. 11. Registration packets will be available for pickup in the high school office beginning Aug. 4. A freshmen orientation will also take place during freshmen registration times.

Thomas Arnold Elementary will hold a "Meet Your Teacher and Stash Your Stuff" night 4-6 p.m. Aug. 15. Students are encouraged to bring their school supplies, and both parents and students can visit with teachers.

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Thomas Arnold Elementary Salado I.S.D. Supply list 2005.-2006

FOURTH GRADE:
 1 pkg dividers WITH pockets
 2 Plastic Folders with pockets only (Yellow, Red)
 2 pkgs (12 ct) #2 pencils
 4 folders with brads and pockets (blue, orange, green, purple)
 6 yellow highlighters
 1 bottle (8 oz) Elmer's Glue
 1 pair scissors (FISKARS BRAND)
 1 box 24 ct. Crayons
 1 pkg map colors
 1 pkg Markers (water base)
 2 boxes Kleenex (200 count)
 1 ruler (standard and metric)
 5 WIDE RULED Spiral Notebooks (3-ring)
 2 pkgs WIDE RULED Loose-Leaf Paper (200 ct) 3-hole NO COLLEGE RULED, PLEASE
 1 Sturdy Zipper Bag to carry supplies for 3-ring binder
 6 red Ink pens
 1 BLACK Sharpie (Fine Point)
 1 pkg pencil top erasers
 1 WHITE or CLEAR, 2 1/2" Binder. NO TRAPPER KEEPERS!
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 5 JUMBO STRETCH Book Covers (Recommended)
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ART CLASS SUPPLY LIST
 1 pkg wooden pencils
 2 glue sticks

THIRD GRADE:
 1 pkg Colored pencil (long)
 1 pkg Dividers
 1 pkg Markers
 1 pkg thin crayola markers
 1 Pencil box
 1 plain ruler (No Bendable)
 3 Red Pens
 1:3 ring binder (red) (No Trapper Keepers)
 1 pair of Fiskar scissors
 2 bxs 24 count crayons
 2 bxs of kleenex
 1 roll of paper towels
 4 pkg of wood pencils (no Egel Brand)
 2 bottles of glue
 1 pk Pencil toppers
 3 pkg glue stix
 2 pkgs Notebook paper
 3 spiral notebooks
 1 small pencil sharpener-with enclosed shavings
 3 colored folders with brads and pockets (red,yellow,green).
 Boys: gallon ziploc baggies
 Girls: sandwich ziploc baggies
 Art:
 1 bx of colored pencils
 1 pink eraser
 2 glue sticks

1 pkg 12 count wood pencils
 No rolling backpacks due to storage issues. Backpacks must be able to hang.

SECOND GRADE:
 3 spiral notebooks 70 count wide-ruled
 1 school box- no larger than 9x6 (cigar box size)
 2 pkg #2 pencils (yellow-12 count)
 2 pkg crayons-24 count only
 1 8 oz. Elmer's glue(white glue only)
 4 folders w/pockets (green, blue, red, yellow)
 2 pkg crayons 24 count only
 1 8 oz. Elmer's glue (white glue only)
 4 folders w/pockets (green, blue, red, yellow)
 1 Fiskars scissors-round point
 4 large pink erasers
 1 Binder-1 inch
 2 box Kleenex
 1 pkg dividers
 2 glue sticks
 1 orange high lighter
 1 yellow high lighter
 1 pkg thin line markers
 Art:
 2 glue sticks
 1 box Crayola washable markers

FIRST GRADE:
 1 box zippy bags (boys-gallon size, girls-quart size)
 1 box colored pencils
 4 boxes 24 count crayons
 2 boxes tissues
 2 bottles 4 oz. white glue
 3 pkg #2 yellow, wood pencils
 1 pkg markers
 1 pkg eraser toppers
 6 Elmers glue sticks (large)
 2 70 page spiral notebooks
 1 plastic supply box
 1 pair scissors
 1 watercolor set
 Please label only those items with the asterisk with your child's name.

All other items will be community items.

KINDERGARTEN:
 2 pkg (Ten count) #2 plain yellow pencils
 1 Fiskar steel blade scissors
 2 bottles Elmer's glue (8 oz.) white only
 1 pkg. 12x18 colored construction paper
 2 boxes 16 count crayola crayons
 2 boxes crayola chubby basic 10 colored markers (with pink and grey)
 1 School box (cigar box size only)
 1 back pack
 1 70 page wide-ruled spiral notebook
 1 green plastic folder w/ pockets
 1 box Ziploc bags-quart size
 1 plastic quad-fold mat no larger than 18x45 No pillows, blankets or sleeping bags-thanks
 1 pkg 8x10 colored construction paper
 1 pkg 12x18 white construction paper
 1 red folder w/pockets
 2 pink pearl erasers
 1 16 oz.. Tempera paint (any color)
 1 pkg pencil top erasers
 1 set Crayola water colors

We will be doing several projects during the school year. Please pick at least one of the following items and bring along to school with your supplies: Paper plates, cotton balls, Q-tips, toothpicks, beans, macaroni, lunch size paper sacks, craft sticks, pipe cleaners, wax paper, tissue paper, yarn, buttons, feathers, stickers, fabric, glitter, shaving cream, and pom-poms.

PRE KINDERGARTEN:
 2 pkg Loose Leaf 12"x18" colored construction paper
 2 boxes small (8 count) Crayola brand crayons

2 boxes Fat classic colors crayola brand washable markers
 2 bottles Elmer's glue

1 school box (cigar box size)
 1 pair Fiskars scissors
 2 boxes tissues

1 back pack-large enough for 9"x12" papers

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| Evening Worship | 6:00 p.m. | Prayer Service | 6:15 p.m. |
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Elizabeth Herrick marries Brian Thurston

Elizabeth Brooke Herrick and Brian David Thurston were united in marriage July 9 at the First Baptist Church in Salado, with Rev. Grady Brittain, pastor of Salado United Methodist Church, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Elaine Herrick, of Salado, and the granddaughter of Frances Suter and the late Ward Suter, of Gadsden, AL, and Jack and Bea Herrick, of Destin, FL. The groom is the son of Sidney and Connie Thurston, of Temple, and the grandson of Wallace Thurston and the late Evelyn Thurston, of San Antonio, and the late M.O. and Geneva Nicholas of Ft. Worth.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, wore a floor-length gown of white satin, embroidered with crystal beads and seed pearls. The back of the gown, adorned with three satin rosettes, flowed into a cathedral-length embroidered train. She carried a bridal bouquet, designed by the groom's sister, of star gazer lilies and white and pink roses. She wore a crystal necklace, earrings, and bracelet, designed by Sandy Johnston of Salado.

Maid of honor was

Paige Herrick, of Salado, sister of the bride. Attendants were Elizabeth Thurston, of Dallas, sister of the groom; Tiffany Reeves, of Dallas; Lisa Adams, of Waco and Erin Bew, of Destin, FL.

Best man was Kyle Austin, of Dallas. Groomsmen were John Paul Pasley, of Temple, Ryan Brewer, of Belton, Morgan Coley, of Temple, and David Roges, of Dallas.

Jordan Drake, of Salado, was the flower girl. Judy Bruton was the pianist at the ceremony, and Carey Quick was the soloist, both of Salado.

During the ceremony, the parents and the wedding couple lit an elegant unity candle arrangement, a gift from the Whisenants of San Antonio, close friends of the Herricks. After the statement of the vows, the bride sang "It Feels Like Home to Me" to the groom.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Salado Methodist Family Life Center in Salado. The tables were decorated with centerpieces of pink roses and baby's breath, rose petals, and floating candle arrangements. After a dinner and toasts, the couple and guests danced



Mrs. Brian David Thurston

to the bride and groom's favorite love songs.

The bride is employed by Adapt of Texas, a psychological services agency, and is a second-year doctoral student in clinical psychology at Argosy University in Dallas. The groom is employed by the Garland Independent School District in Dallas and is in graduate school at the

University of Texas in Arlington.

On July 8, the groom's parents-hosted a rehearsal dinner at Pignetti's in Temple for the wedding party and out-of-town guests and family.

Following a cruise in the Caribbean, the couple will reside in Dallas, Texas.

Grace Baptist Church VBS holds Safari camp July 30-Aug. 3

Grace Baptist Church in Salado will hold its Vacation Bible School July 30-Aug. 3. This year's theme is "Kingdom of the Son," a week of safari adventure.

In Kingdom of the Son, children will embark on adventures, and discover "God's Love." Campers will sing songs, enjoy skits, create crafts, play games, and enjoy Bible stories and snacks.

Camp will be held 9 a.m.-noon July 30, and 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 31-Aug. 3.

On July 30, campers will meet at the Miller Outpost, located on mile west of the church. Campers will enjoy snow cones, cotton candy, a hot dog lunch, a dunking booth, jeep rides and other fun activities.

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Marissa Michalewicz married James Burt at Christ the King

Marissa Rose Michalewicz, of Salado, became the bride of James Burt, of Temple, in a double ring ceremony Saturday, July 16, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Belton.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Sylvia Michalewicz, of Salado. She is the granddaughter of Otto Michalewicz of Lott and the late Rosanna Michalewicz and the late Gilbert and Iris Vera. The bridegroom is the son of Roger Burt, of Reedville, VA., and Cherie Burt, of Pleasanton. He is the grandson of Robert L. Burt of Cincinnatus, NY and the late Ida Burt, and Norma Jean Guilmino of Pleasanton.

The Rev. Charles Davis officiated. Music was by Sue George, of Georgetown, and a choir directed by Jim Mason, of Temple.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white designer gown by Mori Lee that featured an illusion Sabrina neckline, trimmed with satin on a fully re-embroidered organza princess line dress with a fitted skirt.

Matron of honor was Rebekah Neese, of Plano. Bridesmaids were Susan McDonald, of Salado and Natalie Downey, of Lorena.

Best man was the father of the groom. Groomsmen were Justin Burt, brother of the groom, of Nacogdoches and Jason Burt, brother of the groom, of San Antonio.

Seating guests were Randall Loya, brother of the bride, of College Station, and Michael Guilmino, uncle of the groom, of Pleasanton.

A reception followed at In the Mood Ballroom in Temple.

After a wedding trip to Honolulu, HI, the couple will reside in Waco.

The bride is a 2005 graduate from Baylor University with a master's degree in music in piano pedagogy and performance. She is pursuing a master's degree in education from Baylor. She is employed by Moody Independent School District.

The bridegroom is a 2001 graduate from the University of Mary Har-



Mrs. James Burt

din-Baylor University with a master degree in music education. He is the head band director for Moody Independent School District.

The bridegroom's father served as host for

the rehearsal dinner held at Cathy's Cafe in Salado.

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Susie Cowan passes away July 11 in Belton

Susie N. Cowan, 79, of Belton, died Monday, July 11, 2005 in a Belton nursing center.

Private family services will be held at North Belton Cemetery with Rev. Darren Walker officiating.

Cowan was born to Harry Elijah "Lige" and Una Horton Bradford in the Three Forks community on November 3 1925. She was a lifelong resident of Bell County. She married Roy O. Cowan in Belton on August 6, 1943. Prior to her retirement, she was office manager for her husband's Texaco consignee business in Belton. She was also employed with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Belton for several years. Mrs. Cowan was a member of First United Methodist Church in Belton.

Survivors include one son, Steve Cowan of

Belton; one brother, Harry Bradford of Temple; four grandchildren; and one great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband on March 11, 2005 and a daughter, Pam Lee in 1988.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested

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 Salado Masonic Lodge #296 installed officers July 18: Shown above are (front row, from left) Fred McAferty, Installing Marshal; Bob Gleason, Treasurer; Fred Hairston, Senior Warden; Wayne Hammack, Worshipful Master; A.J. Hall, Junior Warden; (top, from left) Truett Williams, Tiler; Deron Johnson, Junior Deacon; Truitt Bradley, Secretary; Will Culbertson, Senior Steward; and Tim Rivers, Installing Master. Not shown are Bob Dewhurst, Chaplain; Jim Tuck, Senior Deacon; and Tim Fleischer, Junior Steward.

Salado native Morris Foster to talk on July 26 about growing up here

Salado native and Exxon-Mobil Production Division president Morris Foster will be the speaker at the Rotary Club

of Salado's July 26 meeting. The club meets 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday at the Stagecoach Inn. Speakers

J.P. June report

Judge Don Engleking, Justice of The Peace for Precinct 2, reported that during June the court had an increase of approximately \$6,017 in revenue collected. The increase is a result of the court being able to dispose of pending cases.

The following activity was reported in June:

- There were 241 new cases filed that included various traffic offenses, non traffic offenses, parks and wildlife offenses, small claims and rental disputes, as well as bad checks and truancy.
- There were 209 cases disposed of during the month, as well. The total amount of revenue collected during the month was \$33,230. This included fines, criminal and civil court cost and filing fees.

In addition, the court processed 62 county court complaints, 24 district court complaints, set approximately 83 bonds, issued emergency protective orders, and DWI ignition interlock orders.

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Billy Joe Jay returns to Salado for 39th Art Fair Aug. 6-7

Billy Joe Jay, an award-winning Texas artist, will be among the 100-plus artists and artisans appearing at the 39th Annual Salado Art Fair, set for Aug. 6-7 at Salado's Pace Memorial Park.

Jay's work is defined by realism and meticulous detail. A native of the tiny Texas town of Roscoe, Jay began painting professionally in 1990, three years after he enrolled in an adult beginner's watercolor class, taught by Ginger Test.

Almost immediately, it seemed, Jay gained a following of patrons and admirers who started collecting his paintings. Now, 15 years later, his work can be found in galleries and private collections throughout not only Texas, but also the Southwest and Europe.

Jay also works in pencil, charcoal, pastel and



Sweetwater artist Billy Joe Jay's pieces are renowned for their meticulous attention to detail and sense of realism.

acrylics, but his first love is always watercolor. "I love the transparency and glow of watercolor," he says.

His subject matter might be labeled Southwest Realism, but his versatility makes his work difficult to classify, and a

typical Billy Joe Jay show consists of landscapes, tipis, adobe, Texas missions

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JULY 22-24
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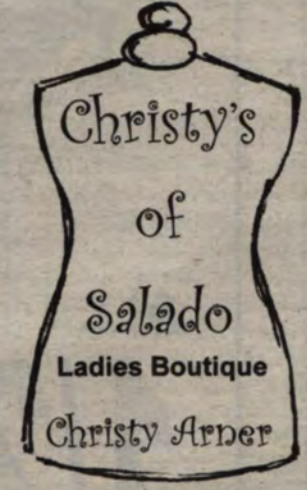
JULY 23, 30 & AUG. 6
Tablerock's 13th Annual production of Salado Legends. Dinner 7:15 p.m. with cost of \$8 (all ages reservations required). Performance begins at 8:15 p.m. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 children 12 and under. Call 254-947-9205 for group rates and further information, or visit www.allcentex.com/tablerock. Email: tablerock1@aol.com.

JULY 23, 30 & AUG. 6
Salado Youth Soccer Association fall registration, 9 a.m.-noon July 23 at Salado Civic Center; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. July 30 at Brookshire Brothers; 10 a.m.-noon Aug. 6 (late registration) at Brookshire Brothers. Cost: \$55, includes jersey. Late registration add \$25. Open to children 4-12. Info: Tina Cantu, 947-1727.

JULY 24
Southern Gospel music concert, featuring The Latimers, 10:30 a.m.-noon at Cedar Knob Baptist Church. Open to the public.

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
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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.

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
"Meet and Greet" party for incoming Salado kindergartners, 11 a.m. at Pace Park. The event is Pot Luck, so food sign ups and RSVP's are appreciated. Info: Karen Young, 947-9539.

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, or visit 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 or email tablerock1@aol.com.

SEPTEMBER 10
Salado High School Class of 1995 10-year reunion. Reunion will include daytime lunch in Salado and evening dinner in Walburg. More details TBA. Info: April Renfro, 512-656-7835.

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.

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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 13-15

Salado Village Artists painting class, taught by Eve Larson of Laguna Gloria, in Austin. Class will focus on portrait and live figure painting, and will be held in the SVA building. Details TBA.

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 29-30

Salado Village Artists juried art show in the SVA building. Details TBA.

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 19-20

Local artist Gil Wanzor will teach a perspective drawing class in the Salado Village Artists building. Details TBA.

OCTOBER 21

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

OCTOBER 22

Salado Education Foundation Chisholm Trail Cattlemen's Ball, 6 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Tickets on sale at Bill Bartlett Century 21, 947-5050, or at SISD Central Office, 947-5479, ext. 7005. \$75 per person.

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 15

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

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Admission is \$3 with children 12 and under admitted free of charge.

In addition, this year's art fair will also include a duck race, with prizes for the first-through-third finishes, as well as a "lame duck" award. The duck race will be held 3 p.m. Aug. 7. Ducks can be purchased for \$5 apiece,

or five for \$20, at the Chamber of Commerce office in the Civic Center, or from the Salado Silver Spur Theater, Sweet Dreams, the Stagecoach Inn, the Salado Mansion, The Baines House and Rock Creek Treasures.

Planned prizes include a stay and play package, as well as shopping extravaganzas.

For more information about the upcoming Art Fair call the Salado Chamber of Commerce at (254) 947-5040 or visit www.salado.com.

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Local GOP announces 16th Annual Banquet

Bell County Republican Party spokesperson Bob Bailon recently announced the 16th Annual Banquet and Auction will be held 6 p.m. Aug. 15 at the Bell County Expo Center.

Bell GOP Chairman Nancy Boston said, "We are dedicating our annual dinner to honor the 'Stars of Texas' - the many Texas heroes to whom we owe a debt of gratitude

to those who serve their community and nation. We are committed to the principle that the best government is strong, local government involving citizens who are committed and involved, such as those we plan to honor."

Boston promises a night of festivities, music and good food as the GOP honors citizens who serve their country and community.

Ballroom Dance to be offered at CAC Aug. 4

Do you have a wedding, special occasion or military ball to attend? Want to just spend some quality time with your significant other? Then, be prepared to dance in style.

Temple's Cultural Activities Center will begin a new six-week Beginners Ballroom

Dance class Aug. 4. These ballroom dance lessons are for beginners who want to learn how to waltz. The class will meet 6:30-8 p.m. every Thursday, Aug. 4-Sep. 8. The course will consist of five evenings of instruction followed on the sixth evening by a practice dance.

The class fee is \$25 per person. Couples will only need to bring leather sole shoes. Call the CAC to sign up.

The Cultural Activities Center is a nonprofit arts organization in Temple which strives to promote understanding of and participation in the arts. The CAC facility includes a nearly 500-seat theatre and five gallery spaces, is home to over 100 visual and performing arts events including classes and workshops each year. Visit the CAC website at www.cacarts.com to learn more.

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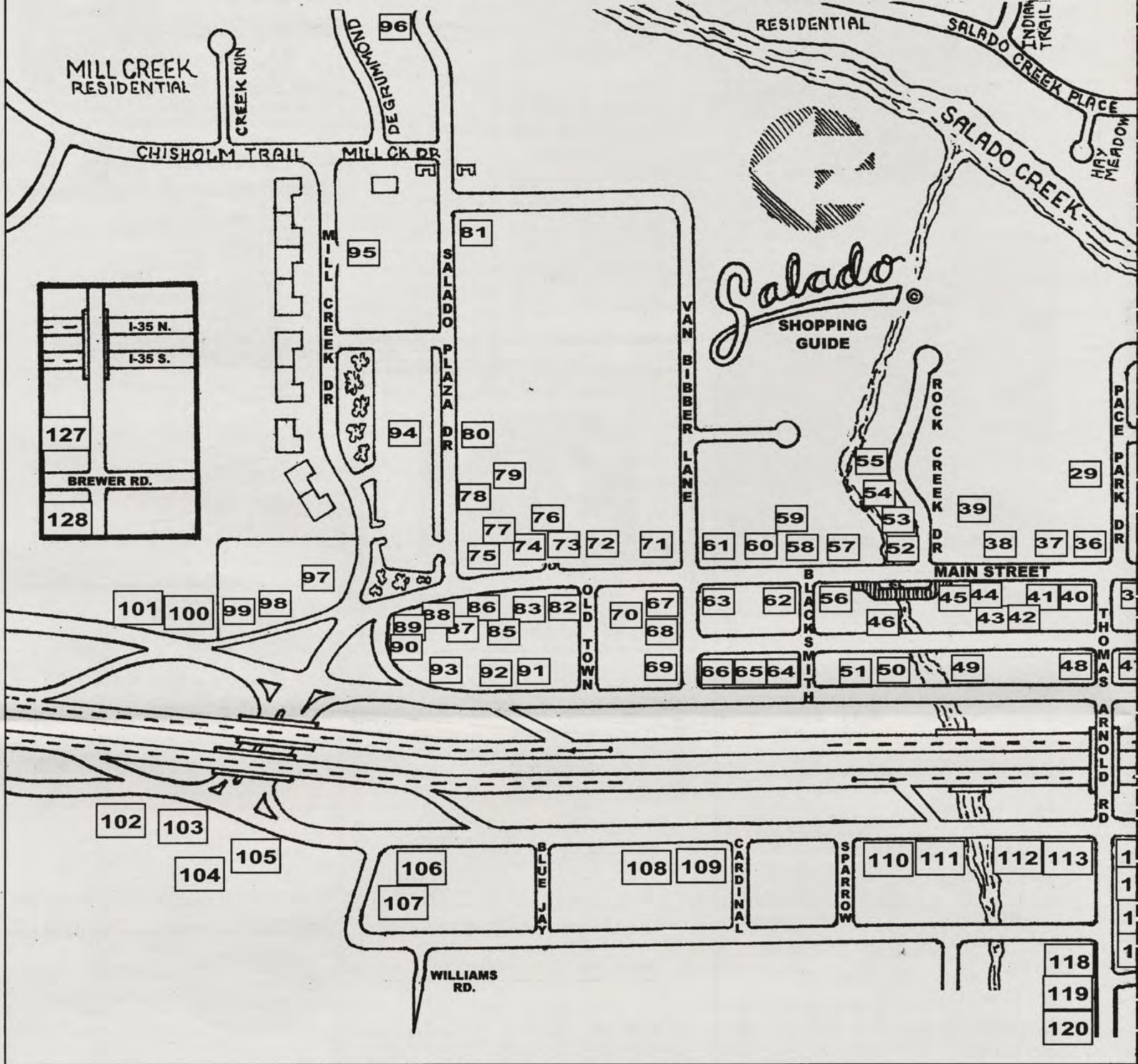
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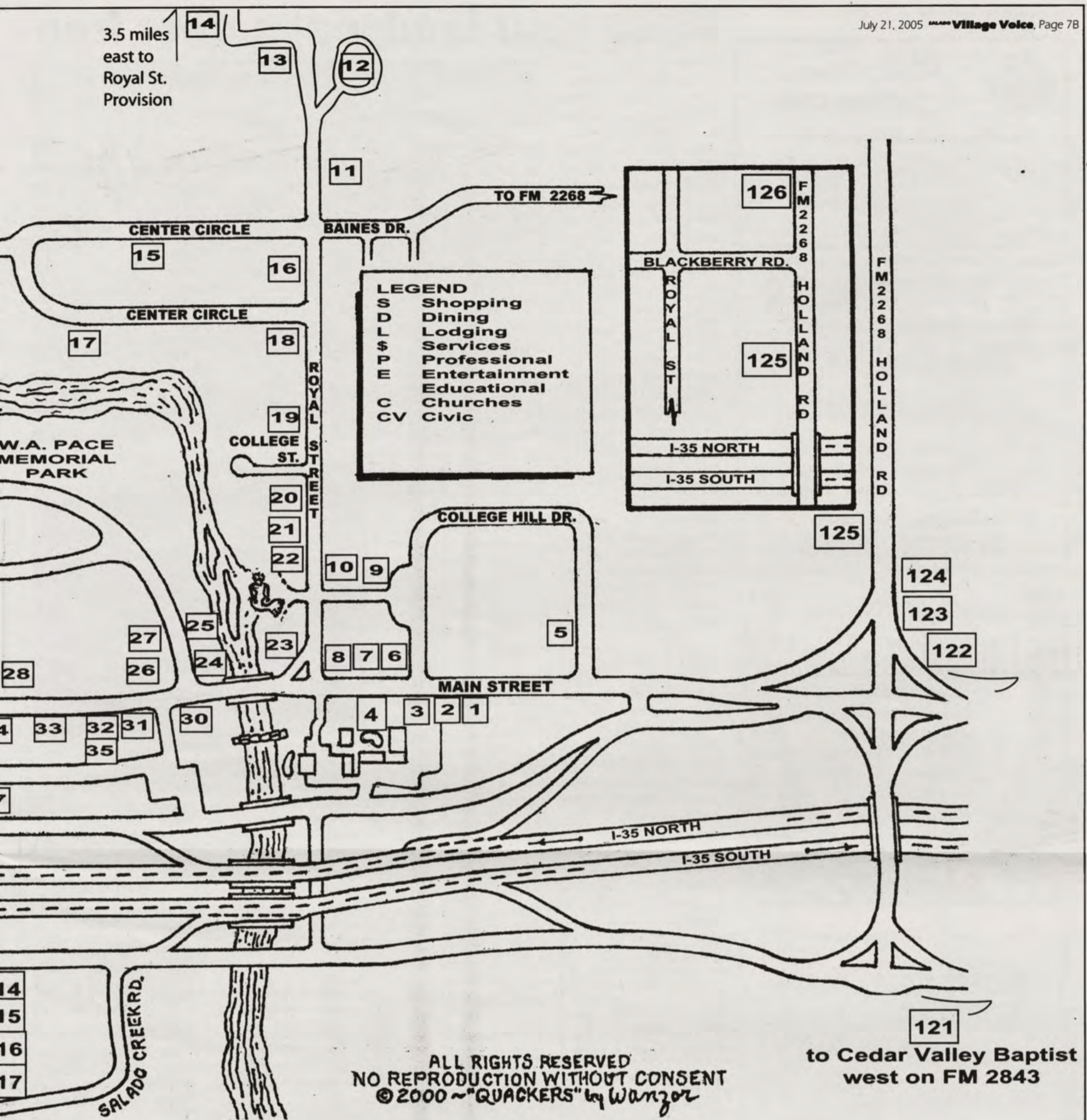
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Deer damage to ornamental plants is increasingly a suburban problem. Deer populations in neighborhoods have increased rapidly due to abandoned farms, hunting restrictions and suburban sprawl. Deer are selective feeders that eat leaves from flowers, shrubs and ornamental trees. Damage to larger trees can extend up to 7 feet. In some areas, deer damage peaks in winter when snow cover reduces the food supply. Most areas with overpopulated deer herds experience problems year-round. The availability of natural food sources and the taste preferences of individual deer make deer proofing a difficult task in many areas.

Deer will eat almost any plant rather than starve, so damage control measures will be needed in addition to careful plant selection. Use of fencing and repellents can help control deer damage to landscapes.

A fence is the most effective control against deer damage. An 8-foot fence is generally sufficient to deter deer, and lower fences can work if they slant away from your yard. Tree protectors or shelters also prevent deer from browsing on young trees. Made of polypropylene tubing, plastic tree wrap, or woven-wire mesh cylinders, netting can be used to protect individual or group plantings. The netting can be left on



The Rose of Sharon is a deer resistant variety of bush.

year-round if it's attached loosely at the base to allow for plant growth.

Repellents may help reduce deter deer, but they do not eliminate damage completely. Homemade repellents include rotting eggs (mix two eggs with a gallon of water and spray the mixture on ornamentals). The eggs rot on the plants and the smell repels deer. Human hair hung in mesh bags makes a simple repellent. Hang the hair bags on the outer branches of trees about a yard apart, and replace them monthly. Bars of strong-smelling soap hung in the same way will also work. This is a good way to use all those aromatic gift soaps you have in a drawer. Repellents containing predator urine or spray-on, soap-based mixtures usually only last a few weeks, depending on the weather.

Once deer taste your garden, it is difficult to rid them of the habit. Replacing your current mix or trees and shrubs with plants that are less appealing will help move the herd along to other sites. The Tree Care Industry



White Sage is deer-resistant.

Association recommends planting trees that have a history of surviving areas of heavy deer activity, such as:

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- Plum-Yew, Russian Olive, Creeping Wintergreen, Rose of Sharon, John T. Morris Holly, Lydia Morris Hollies, Leucothoe, European Privet, Japanese Andromeda, Common Buckthorn, Blueberry Elder, Dwarf Sweet Christmas Box, Russian Olive, Creeping Wintergreen, Rose of Sharon, John T. Morris Holly, Lydia Morris Hollies, Leucothoe, European Privet, Japanese Andromeda, Common Buckthorn, Blueberry Elder, Dwarf Sweet, and Christmas Box.

Check with your local garden center for a list of trees in your area that are the least appealing to deer.

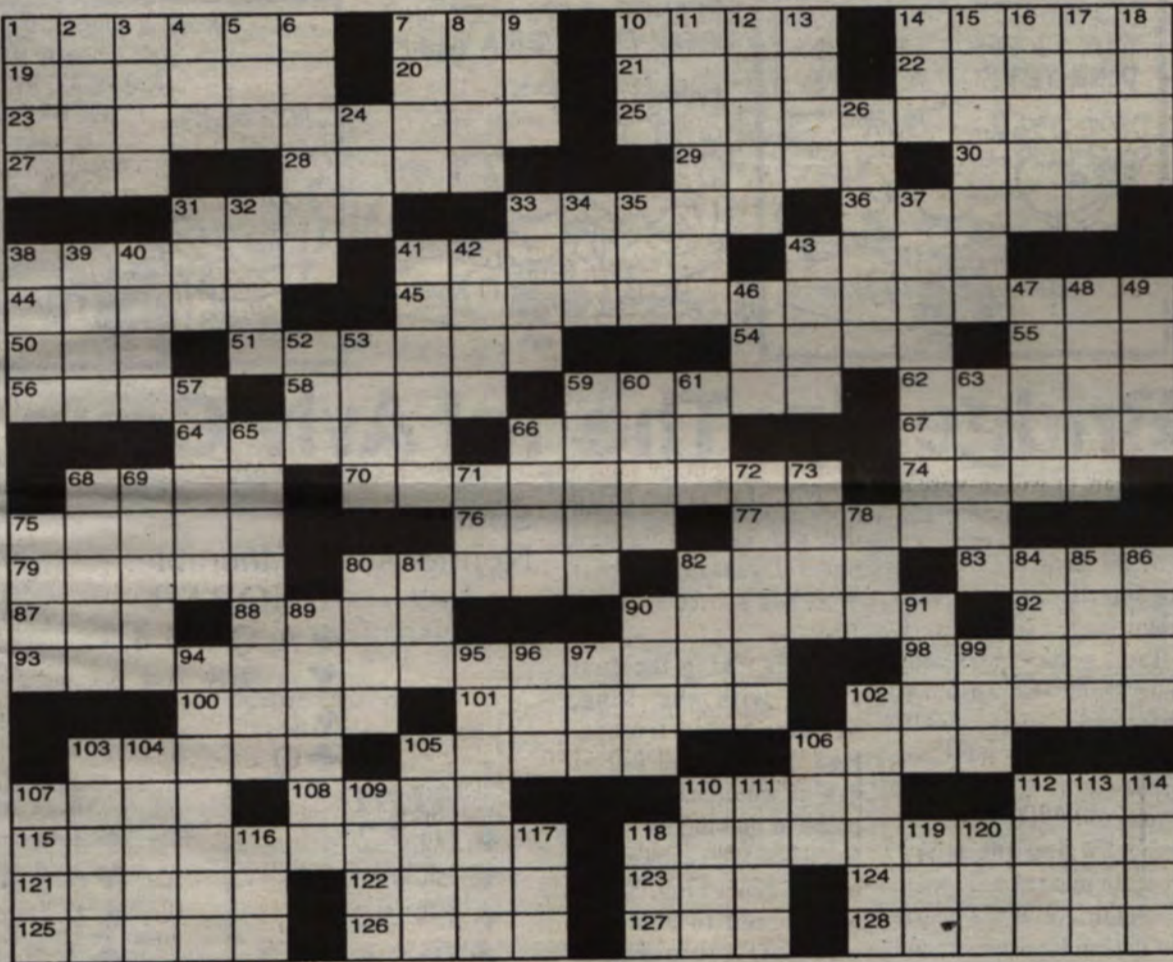
What can you do? Homeowners who would like a professional arborist to assess their trees should contact the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), a 67-year-old public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture. It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards, and are required to carry liability insurance. An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the "Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP code search on the TCIA Web site, www.treecareindustry.org.

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 - 20 Caviar
 - 21 The Four —
 - 22 Stadium
 - 23 Speaker of a remark at 45 Across
 - 25 Dashboard feature
 - 27 Corpulent
 - 28 Docile
 - 29 Laugh loudly
 - 30 "Comin' — the Rye"
 - 31 Impressed immensely
 - 33 "The Stepford Wives" author
 - 36 "Carmen" composer
 - 38 Jose of "Moulin Rouge"
 - 41 Rock's Iron —
 - 43 Jeroboam contents
 - 44 Gentle as —
 - 45 Start of remark
 - 50 Fireplace fuel
 - 51 "Rodeo," for one
 - 54 — brakes
 - 55 "— volente"
 - 56 Willingly, once
 - 58 Journalist Jacob
 - 59 Plot
 - 62 Link
 - 64 Delibes opera
 - 66 "Spartacus" setting
 - 67 Persian, presently
 - 68 Make a necklace
 - 70 Part 2 of remark
 - 74 Glen
 - 75 Cookbook author
 - 76 Yemini seaport
 - 77 February forecast
 - 79 Dismay
 - 80 Composer Copland
 - 82 Paint layer
 - 83 Recedes
 - 87 Sodom
 - 88 Cantata composer
 - 90 Shook up
 - 92 Palindromic preposition
 - 93 Part 3 of remark
 - 98 Sgt. Bilko
 - 100 "An apple —"
 - 101 Fancy
 - 102 Jacket style
 - 103 Lid
 - 105 Masters' "— River Anthology"
 - 106 Palliative
 - 107 "Rule Britannia" composer
 - 108 QE II section
 - 110 Epps or Vizquel
 - 112 Officeholders
 - 115 "Samson and Delilah" composer
 - 118 End of remark
 - 121 Right a wrong
 - 122 Social climber
 - 123 Crowd
 - 124 January stoat
 - 125 Correctional
 - 126 Sundance's sweetie
 - 127 Use a crowbar
 - 128 Kant subject
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Scuba site
 - 2 — mater
 - 3 Primer pooch
 - 4 Mushroom part
 - 5 Hibachi residue
 - 6 Hang around
 - 7 Harsh
 - 8 Something to skip?
 - 9 Musical syllables
 - 10 Make lace
 - 11 Wind instrument
 - 12 Scout's job
 - 13 Dept. of Labor div.
 - 14 Houston or Huff
 - 15 Twisted treat
 - 16 Mythical river
 - 17 Like some gases
 - 18 Tropical tuber
 - 24 Youngster
 - 26 Runs circles around?
 - 31 Prepare for combat
 - 32 "Dagnet" star
 - 33 Navel store?
 - 34 Maestro de Waart
 - 35 Filly physician
 - 37 Sedentary
 - 38 Hairpiece
 - 39 "The Time Machine" people
 - 40 Frenzy
 - 41 Sphere
 - 42 Singer/actor Ed
 - 43 Keen
 - 46 Regulatory agcy.
 - 47 Unimprovable
 - 48 Notre Dame's river
 - 49 Basil or Braxton
 - 52 Joan Van —
 - 53 Branch
 - 57 Panache
 - 59 Bewitching bunch
 - 60 Mass communication?
 - 61 Golfer Hogan
 - 63 Beside oneself
 - 65 George Eliot novel
 - 66 Change the decor
 - 68 Subordinate to
 - 69 Gladden
 - 71 Paving material
 - 72 Wagner heroine
 - 73 Insipid
 - 75 Spanish surrealist
 - 78 Nice time of year
 - 80 Sore
 - 81 "So that's your game!"
 - 82 Stallion's son
 - 84 German auto engineer
 - 85 Cheeseboard choice
 - 86 Cassandra or Merlin
 - 89 Tony, Oscar, and Edgar
 - 90 Don —
 - 91 Farmer's place
 - 94 Italian city
 - 95 Quail feature
 - 96 — Magnon
 - 97 Lennon's lady
 - 99 Computer acronym
 - 102 He runs a clip joint
 - 103 Pack peppers
 - 104 Soubise ingredient
 - 105 Perfume
 - 106 Lea lament
 - 107 PDQ, politely
 - 109 Vacation sensation
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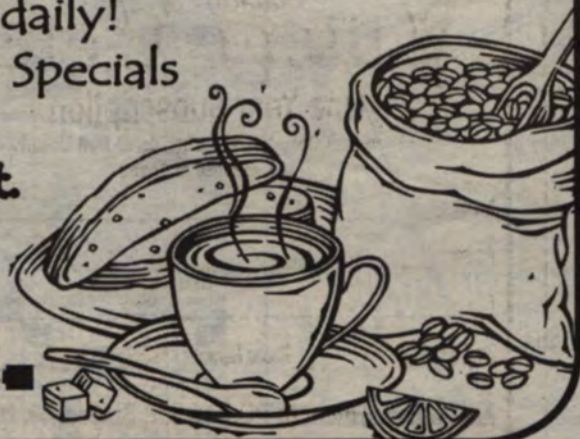
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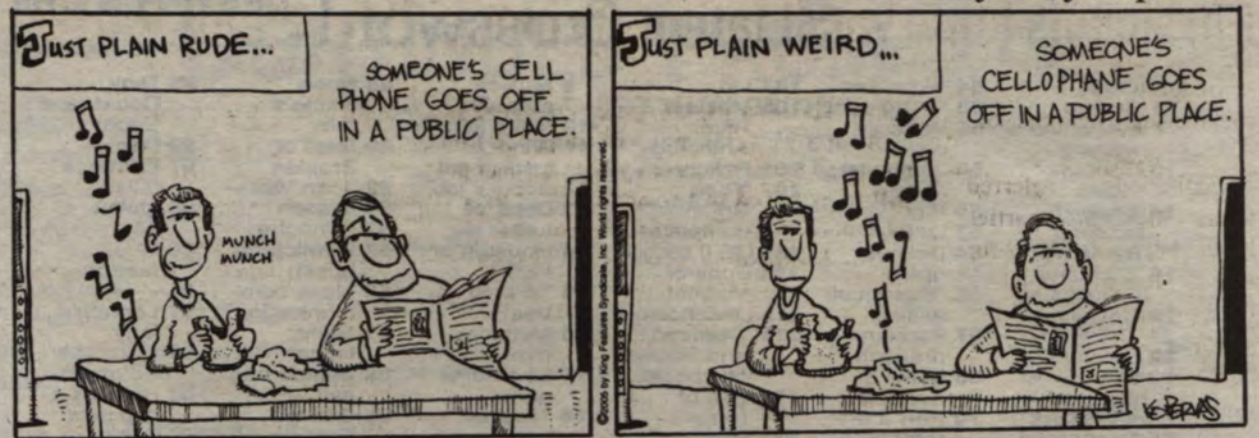
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Bridge tip: The Tel Aviv Coup

By STEVE BECKER

This deal occurred in an international tournament staged in Tel Aviv, Israel, some years ago. The North-South cards were held by two well-known experts; the East-West cards were held by two lesser lights who were experiencing their first venture into the big time.

South got to six hearts, on the bidding shown, and L.L. No. 1 led the ten of spades. This was a rather unusual lead -- in most circles the ten would signify a singleton or doubleton ten, or else the 10-9-x(-x) of spades.

Declarer followed low from dummy, expecting to make the slam easily, whereupon L.L. No. 2 complicated the situation by playing the jack on the ten. Actually, L.L. No. 2 was trying to show a doubleton by starting a

high-low signal, but South did not know this and naturally assumed that West had started with the 10-9-7-2.

After taking the first spade with the king, declarer tested trumps. Had they divided 2-2 or 3-1, he would have had no problem making the slam. But when West showed out on the heart king, South was forced to continue with his Q-J-10 in order to exhaust East of trumps.

Declarer then led the six of spades from his hand and confidently finessed dummy's eight on the basis that West had started with the 10-9-7-2. But East won with the nine and triumphantly played the ace of clubs to bring an end to the sad affair.

Thus poor South became the victim of the very first Tel Aviv Coup.

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South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

| | | | |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| South | West | North | East |
| 1 ♥ | Pass | 1 ♠ | Pass |
| 2 NT | Pass | 3 ♥ | Pass |
| 3 NT | Pass | 4 NT | Pass |
| 5 ♦ | Pass | 6 ♥ | |

Opening lead — ten of spades.

The Garden Bug Drink up!



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Physicians hope vaccinations replace Chickenpox Parties

Imagine attending a social event where the sole purpose is to get sick.

Gatherings referred to as chickenpox parties have been around for years. Parents conduct these 'parties' for the sole purpose of exposing healthy children to kids infected with the varicella (chickenpox) virus in the hopes that they will catch the disease and gain lifetime immunity. Despite the availability of a chickenpox vaccine, some parents rely on these parties as a means of protecting their children from contracting the disease later by forcing them to suffer through it during childhood.

During a recent lecture at the Santa Rosa Medical Center, Donald J. Gordon, MD, a professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center, asked 50 nurses if they were familiar with the chickenpox party phenomenon. Not only were the nurses familiar with the parties, two said they have immediate relatives who had

Immunize your pre-schoolers

As of Sept. 1, children attending pre-kindergarten, Head Start, or other early childhood programs will be required to be vaccinated against invasive pneumococcal and hepatitis A diseases.

Salado ISD encourages parents of young children to get these vaccines as soon as possible. The district will allow six weeks after the first day of classes for these vaccines to be completed. At that time, children not vaccinated may be asked to not attend school until the vaccines are completed.

participated in them. strict sterile conditions,

thus limiting the potential cross-contamination inherent in natural exposure, whereas

chickenpox parties run the greater risk of transmitting mutant or other 'wild type' infections. "While the intentions of those conducting chickenpox parties are appropriate in the sense that immunity is sought from this disease, the methods do not weigh in as safer than the established route of vaccination," claims Dr. Eisenberg.

To improve the Texas immunization rate and educate caregivers about the life-and-death importance of vaccinations, TMA has launched one of the most ambitious public health programs in its 151-year history. Be Wise - ImmunizeSM is a joint initiative of TMA and the service-oriented TMA Alliance and funded through a grant from the philanthropic TMA Foundation, to substantially increase statewide immunization rates. The multi-year program promotes immunization education and sponsors immunization events.

For more information about immunizations, call the Texas Department of State Health Services toll free number, (800) 252-9152, or look on the TDSHS Web site, www.dshs.state.tx.us or the Be Wise-Immunize page of the TMA Web site, www.texmed.org.

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An old theater in Stanton is now a residence

The Texas Theater in Stanton opened in the 40s and closed in the late 60s. During Stanton's Old Sorehead Trade Days recently I walked in front of the old theater and saw people sitting in the entryway. Come to find out those people live in the theater building. I asked if I could see inside and they were most accommodating.

"It's a little different," says Kitty McCarty, the woman of the house (or of the theater). "But it's a lot of fun. We have six kids from nine to 20 and they all enjoy it. A lot of people are surprised that we live here. During Trade Days people walk by and think maybe we have a booth or something set up in here. Sometimes they just come on in."

Kitty and her family have lived in the old theater building eight years. Her parents turned the theater into a home.

"When they bought it, the screen was still up. Kids had broken in and shot bb guns and ripped holes in it and stuff. I think basically it was just an abandoned movie theater and they started from scratch making it into a townhouse."

Kitty's 18-year-old son Kyle has a room on the top floor of the theater building. He refers to it as the Penthouse and thinks it's the coolest room in Stanton.

by Tumbleweed Smith



"Yeah, we've got a fireplace in there. No windows, so you can sleep as long as you want to. It's pretty nice up there. I like that room. We can be pretty loud, turn our music up and don't have to worry about any neighbors. It keeps everybody happy."

The building has three levels. The living and dining areas are where the lobby used to be. Bedrooms are upstairs where the balcony once was. The seating

area of the theater, where audiences sat, is now a big playground. It's got a pool table, basketball court, swimming pool and hot tub.

"It's pretty neat living here, you know," says Kyle. "It's a good place for teenagers to hang out. We toss footballs around in that big open area and play baseball without worrying about breaking a window. It's kinda hard to play basketball sometimes because the floor is slanted."

The swimming pool is on the stage. The screen

frame is still up. The old projectors are still in place in the projection room along with old carbon rods, movie reels, tickets and popcorn bags. Names of people who worked in the theater are written on the walls. The walls of the former seating area also have some historical graffiti.

"When my parents lived here," says Kitty, "they started letting kids draw things and write things on the walls and we've continued to let them do it. Older people will come by and want to come in and look because they have so many memories of growing up here. You know, when cokes were a nickel and a ticket to the show was 50 cents. This is where they hung out. There's a lot of memories going on here."

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Silver Spur to premiere melodrama

The Salado Silver Spur Theater will be presenting its first annual original melodrama "The Salado Springs Truth Tonic and Elixir Medicine Show" on the first three weekends in August.

The show, written by Gary Askins, features Grainger Esch, Penny Esch, Tony Blackman, Karen Ewton, Ben Milligan, Nelda Milligan, Gary Askins, Jody Askins and Garrett Askins. The show will also feature several surprise guest appearances by local school and community members.

"It will hopefully be an entertaining look at recent and historical events in and around Salado, Texas and America. I have been writing this play for the last 20 years, and in spite of what feedback I've gotten I think the time is perfect for its presentation to the public," said Askins. "The Silver Spur Theater is an ideal venue for this production and I hope Salado enjoys the performance as much as we have enjoyed putting this together."

Melodramas were the most popular forms of theatrical entertainment at the turn of the last century and they have continued to be presented worldwide in a variety of formats. The typical melodrama has a villain, a hero, a damsel in



Gary Askins, Penny Esch and Grainger Esch

distress and a clear idea of right and wrong.

A large part of their popularity was due to the audience participation as the customers were encouraged to boo the villain and cheer for the hero, Askins continued. The Silver Spur Melodrama will follow this format with a bit of an update, as it will utilize a filmed chase scene in the middle of the performance. Several of the sequences are still being filmed, so if you see someone dressed in a wool suit, black top hat and cape chasing women in full length skirts, the producers of the show request that you do not call the Salado Police or the

local insane asylum.

"The people of Salado have been very gracious in allowing us to film scenes and chase sequences in their homes, yards and businesses. We will divulge the identity of our accomplices er... ah... I mean friends at the premier," Askins said. "The premise of the show is that there is a new schoolmarm on her way to Salado Springs to build a new school when the villain Snidely Whiplash intercepts her and the drama and fun begins. Any resemblance to real events, people, places and things are purely intentional and only the names of the innocent have been changed to

protect the guilty."

The Salado Silver Spur Theater is located at 108 Royal Street in a fully restored and renovated old grain storage facility. It has state of the art lighting, seating and since this is August in Central Texas you should know it is also fully air-conditioned.

The opening night of the Silver Spur Melodrama will be 7:30 p.m. August 5 and will continue for three weekends with two shows at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. each Saturday and a matinee on Sundays at 2 p.m. Call the theater box office at 947-3456 for ticket prices and seating availability.

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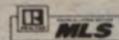
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\$199,900: Located in Mill Creek, this home with 3 BR/2.5 BA and study is directly across from Salado Creek and golf course. The large kitchen opens into the formal dining and den. Covered porch overlooks backyard.



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- Hidden Springs, Lot 31, Lot 110, Lot 116, Lot 194.
- Denman's Loop: Lot 8, B 19, Sec, 2, \$18,000.

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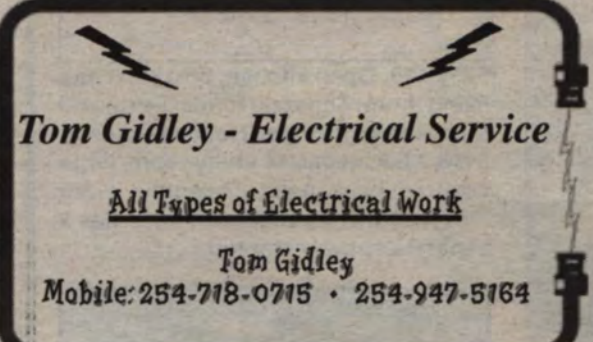
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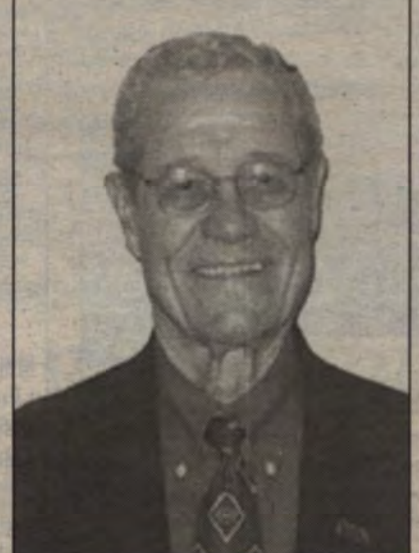


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Seahorse populations around the world have been in decline for decades due to habitat loss, the home aquarium trade, and unintentional capture by fishermen seeking shrimp and other seafood. More recently, though, their popularity as an ingredient in non-synthetic impotence formulas has pushed these tiny creatures with the spinning tales to the brink of extinction.

For centuries, practitioners of traditional medicine in Asia have recommended combining seahorse powder with herbs to treat impotence as well as respiratory ailments such as bronchitis and asthma. But during the late 1990s--perhaps not coincidentally following Pfizer's introduction of Viagra--the international trade in seahorses jumped more than 75 percent.

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Indeed, millions of people throughout Asia and elsewhere are turning to compounds incorporating seahorse powder as a natural and inexpensive alternative to Viagra for curing impotence, despite mixed reports about its effectiveness.

Project Seahorse, which maintains offices in Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, Hong Kong and the Philippines, reports that more than 24 million seahorses are sold each year around the world for traditional medicinal purposes. The principal importers are China and Singapore. Meanwhile, millions of other seahorses continue to be bought and sold each year to stock aquariums around the world, further jeopardizing wild populations.

Currently all 34 known species of seahorses are listed as threatened under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), a global treaty signed by 166 countries. Under the treaty, businesses that engage in the seahorse trade are required to show that their actions do not jeopardize wild populations at risk. International seahorse traders now need permits, and a minimum size limit has been imposed to guarantee that juvenile members of populations can reproduce.

Nonetheless, keeping tabs on the international seahorse trade and prosecuting violators is a major undertaking. Project Seahorse coordinates a network of marine conservation organizations--including Chicago's Shedd Aquarium, the Zoological Society of London, the World Wildlife Fund's TRAFFIC program, the University of British Columbia, and the University of Tasmania--

to share findings and help police the trade. But researchers admit that only a reduction in demand through increased public awareness will save this unique and peculiar creature from extinction.

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- 2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900.**
- 3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large pecans & live water. **\$35,000.**
- 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.