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Salado Eagles started football practice earlier this week. Before the Eagles even put on pads, they were ranked in the top 10 in state by two different sources: Dave Campbell's Texas Football ranked Salado seventh in 2A, while the Texas Sportswriters Association ranked Salado as fifth. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

## TEA rates Salado schools acceptable

Texas Education Agency (TEA) recently rated Salado ISD as Academically Acceptable. Thomas Arnold Elementary School earned Recognized rating, while Salado High School and Salado Intermediate School were Academically Acceptable.

The TEA ratings are based in great part on passing rates of students on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test. To achieve Academically Acceptable status, a school must show 50 percent of all students and student special populations meeting the TAKS standard in all subject (25 percent in science). To

reach Recognized status, a school must have 70 percent of all students and all student populations meet the standard on the TAKS.

Last year, Thomas Arnold Elementary and Salado Intermediate School were both Recognized, while Salado High School was Academically Acceptable.

In 2002, Salado High School was exemplary, while the intermediate and elementary schools were recognized. In 2001, all three campuses earned recognized status.

For more information and TAKS test results by grade, click on www.saladovillagevoice.com.

## Sales tax-free holiday set for Aug. 5-7

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on Aug. 5-7 -- the state's seventh annual tax holiday.

Most clothing and footwear priced at less than \$100 will be exempt from sales tax. Customers will receive the break on individual items, regardless of the total amount they buy. For example, sales tax is not due if a customer buys

six shirts each priced at \$99.99. But full tax is due on a shirt sold for \$100; the first \$99.99 cannot be exempted.

School supplies are not exempt from sales tax during the holiday.

A list of Salado ISD school supplies, as well as the Salado ISD Dress Codes for each campus can be found on the Salado Village Voice website, www.



Art Fair Poster by Bonnie Armstrong

## 39th Art Fair is here Aug. 6-7

For its 39th year, the annual Salado Art will be held Aug. 6-7 at Pace Memorial Park, featuring over 100 artists and artisans from Texas and throughout the Southwest.

Parking is free throughout the village with shuttle rides to the park. The fair will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Aug. 6 and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 7. Admission is \$3 with chil-

dren 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 visit www.saladovillagevoice.com or www.salado.com or turn to page 1B.

## Registration set for Salado schools

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.

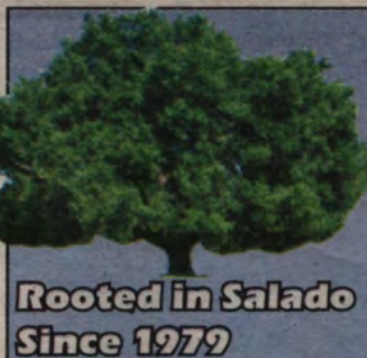
Salado High School registration will take place Aug. 9 and Aug. 11. Seniors will register 9-11 a.m. Aug. 9, juniors 1-3 p.m. Aug. 9, freshmen 9-11:30 a.m. Aug. 11, and sophomores 1-3 p.m. Aug. 11. Registration packets will be available for pickup in the high school office beginning Aug. 4. A freshmen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



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Salado High marching band members reported for summer band last week. For the first time, eighth graders joined the high school band members. After practicing inside, band members moved out into the Texas heat to work on their marching.



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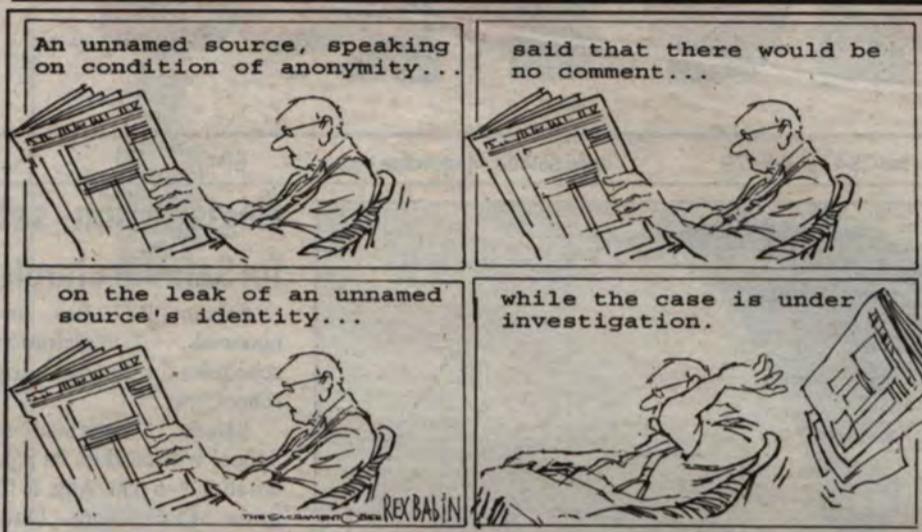
George Boutwell returns to the Salado Art Fair. See story, page 1B

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# FORUM

## An Open Exchange of Ideas



## Unleash Japan

Pacifism has never been so silly. In an East Asia that features both one of the world's most irrational states and a rising dictatorial power bent on changing the region's strategic balance, a crucial ally of the United States labors under a constitution that could have been written by Quakers.

Of course, it was an American team put together by Douglas MacArthur after World War II that wrote the Japanese Constitution, imposing pacifism as state policy. That was understandable 50 years ago. Now the constraints of the Japanese Constitution -- and the Japanese attitudes that have preserved them -- are senseless anachronisms.

As part of her recent tour of Asia, Secretary of State Condi Rice visited a Japan that is slowly emerging from its shell. It is one of the diplomatic triumphs of the Bush administration that it has helped accelerate this process. The ideal should be to make Japan as reliable a partner of the U.S. in Asia as Britain is in Europe.

The alliance is a natural. Japan broadly shares our values. The U.S. is the world's No. 1 economy, and Japan is No. 2, a powerful combination. We want to check China, and Japan feels threatened by China. Japan provides the basing the U.S. needs at a time when we have lost our bases in the Philippines and our relationship with South Korea looks shaky.

It is the rough neighborhood that has helped turn Japan away from its old pieties. North Korea is enough to shake anyone's pacifism, and the Chinese have stupidly provoked Japan at every turn. Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi took office in April 2001 determined to strengthen the U.S. alliance and loosen the more restrictive postwar constraints.

Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution is the main obstacle. The constitution -- and the interpretations and policies arising from it -- bans a standing army,

### Rich Lowry



collective self-defense and arms exports. Japan has a military, but it's called a Self-Defense Force, and it's supposed to be limited to territorial defense.

For a long time, Japan denied itself refueling capacity for its F-4 fighters, since that was considered too "offensive." The prohibition on collective self-defense means that Japan cannot come to the aid of an ally -- i.e., the United States -- when attacked.

But the restrictions have been loosening. After 9/11, legislation was passed authorizing the Self-Defense Force to stray beyond East Asia. Koizumi sent ships to the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea, where the Japanese supported the coalition efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq. And he deployed 600 ground troops to relatively peaceful southern Iraq.

In general, a strong Japan creates a balance of power in East Asia -- of the sort that once existed in Europe -- that makes any Chinese hegemonic ambitions more difficult to achieve.

Of course, any more assertive moves will revive the boogeyman of Japanese militarism. Other Asian countries have nightmarish memories of the Japanese military.

But it is a new Japanese government, with new norms, in a new time. The traditional restraints on it only serve to hobble what should be one of the world's significant players on the side of decency and civilization. Unleash Japan.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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## Legislature on verge of total collapse; Will hide behind court decision to pass tax bill while earning fifth "F" in row

If consistency were a virtue - then our current crop of Texas legislators would be nearing 100% as shining lights filled with sheer goodness and high principals. However, the "consistency" we're watching unfold in our legislature these days is a far cry from anything smacking of excellence, and refers only to the tenacious regularity that House and Senate members have exhibited, for nearly four years, in failing to deal with public school finance reform.

Tied to the mostly conservative member's unflagging (and consistent) love for cutting property taxes, is the onerous problem of creating offsetting taxes, that immediately places all lawmakers (GOPers and Demos) in a deadlocked position between protecting business versus slapping the burden on consumers.

And there the matter stands, as we enter the third week of a fouled-up and stalemated second special session.

Fact is, lawmakers are today teetering on the verge of a total legislative collapse - most just wanting to go home and let the courts get blamed for any (and all) new taxes.

### ANOTHER CONSISTENCY

Oh! Oh! We nearly forgot to add the final item of "consistency" to our legislator's repertoire - that of sweetening their own retirement package, which is what we'll explore more fully in today's column. It started with House and Senate members voting to approve a salary hike for all state judges in this year's regular and first special session. The measures died (for various reasons) when both terms ended.

In the aforementioned "consistent" manner, the lower chamber last week re-approved the judicial pay plan (now for the third time) with the Senate expected to shortly follow suit. And if somehow the two chambers ever get an education finance reform bill passed - the Governor will then sign the judicial pay bill.

And before you yawningly comment "so-what," we urge you to continue reading this updated version of "artful dodging."

### LAWMAKER'S RETIREMENT AND JUDICIAL SALARIES

Actually what lawmakers are doing here is helping themselves as well as their judicial pals. Why? Because legislative retirement pay is tied to the salary level of the judiciary - or had you already figured that out?

Another way to look at what members of the 79th legislature are trying to do for themselves is to check-out what a member, who serves a minimum 12 years, will receive as a pension (starting at age 50) - a nifty \$34,500 a year for life!

House Speaker Craddick - with 37 years service will rack up \$103,000 bucks a year for life when he hangs up his gavel.

This retirement enhancement bill will keep coming back until it becomes law, regardless of what other failures take place during the messy legislative process. So we might as well do what old Claytie Williams suggested when he ran for Governor back in 1990 (using less earthy phrasing): "If it's inevitable - just relax and enjoy."

In this instance - we suggest that lawmakers go ahead and raise their pension pay. And pray most of them will apply for early retirement in the very near future!

### MORE ON THE PROPERTY

### Off the Record by Ken Clapp



### TAX CUT "JOKE"

Last week we noted a \$10 loss between what a homeowner with a \$100,000 home would "save" if school property taxes were cut from \$1.50 to \$1.30, when compared to the "cost" of a 3/4 penny hike in the sales tax (family of four).

True - ten bucks is not much of a loss, but a far cry from the "substantial savings" promised when this tax cutting proposal was first promulgated by our elected Pooh-Bahs.

One of our readers called attention to the fact that the modest loss was bad enough, but that all property tax savings would be eaten up quickly by increased property appraisals - whereas the sales tax will remain forever (if history is any guide)!

We asked our number-crunching experts to see what a ten percent increase in the appraised value (of this hypothetical home) would do to the school property tax cut "savings," and quickly discovered our reader was absolutely right!

As noted in the opening graph - this "family" took a modest hit of ten bucks the first year. Year two - with the appraised value up ten percent - the loss becomes \$310.00, and year three jumps to \$323.00. The loss increases each year the home is reappraised.

Final analysis - we are being hood-winked by those who try to sell a school property tax cut as a savings (permanent or temporary) for homeowners. Increased home values will eat up all tax savings and when added to the new (and constant) sales tax, the loss keeps climbing - year after year.

### JUSTICE UNDRAPED

Some weeks ago the Justice Department, without fanfare, undraped their two statutes of "Justice" that former Attorney General John Ashcroft had covered up - because they "detracted from the public information sessions" he held in the rotunda of the main justice building.

According to aides, the strait-laced Ashcroft was really concerned, that since both the "Spirit of Justice" and "Majesty of Justice" were partially nude (from the waist up), reporters might be paying (perhaps immorally) more attention to the sculptures, than to whatever news he was announcing.

This is the guy who was quoted as saying that it was perfectly alright to "legislate morality." Of course he was talking about his form of morality - which is always the danger when super-religious zealots start laying down guidelines for the rest of us.

Thankfully the new AG - Alberto Gonzales, said not a word about the uncovered statues of justice when he held his initial TV briefings, and even the media gave the "new look" only an indifferent glance (so much for immorality).

Hesitate to bring up such a hateful subject as money - but those drapes cost taxpayers \$8,000.00! Perhaps they can now be used to smother something worthwhile - like parts of the Patriot Act, that are gnawing away at our personal privacy rights.

But - that's another story for another day.

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# Several critical IH-35 upgrade projects now moving forward

## Capitol Update

by State Representative Dianne White Delisi



My highest transportation priority as a state legislator has been the improvement of IH-35 through Bell County. A smoother-flowing IH-35 is a key factor for both the continued economic growth of Central Texas and improved highway safety for those who travel it.

I am pleased to announce that several major IH-35 projects that have been in the planning stages for years are now poised to move forward. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has developed a timeline for eight key improvements to IH-35 that will take place between now and 2011. Since several of these projects impact Salado, I thought it might be good to share the project schedule.

The next major improvement project for IH-35 in Central Texas will be the construction of a three-level interchange at Loop 363 in Temple. This project has a tentative date to receive bids of August of this year, with construction to begin in January of 2006. This enhancement is estimated to cost \$68 million.

However, TxDOT informs me that there are some utility relocation issues that may still need to be resolved. If so, the target date for bids moves forward to next January and construction would start in June. TxDOT believes that they will know the answer on the utility issues in just a couple of weeks. Let us all hope for the earlier start date!

The next project on tap for this area will help out Salado, as two new rest area facilities will be constructed south of town soon. This \$15 million project will seek bids in January of 2006, with a target date to start construction just two months

later.

TxDOT is planning to solicit bids to expand IH-35 from the Williamson County line to south of Salado in the Spring of 2006. This \$75 million improvement is set to start construction in the fall of the same year.

Those traveling north from Salado will see a similar expansion to six lanes up to U.S. 190 in Belton the next year. Bids will be sought in the summer of 2007 and work should start in the fall on this \$85 million undertaking.

The expansion of IH-35 to six lanes within Salado is set for 2009. This project will run about \$30 million.

IH-35 is also set to be expanded to six lanes from Loop 363 in Temple to north of Troy in the near future. This \$67 million enhancement should be let out for bids in the spring of 2008, with dirt to start turning in the summer of the same year.

The next stretch of IH-35 expansion to six lanes is set for 2010 and will occur in Temple between South Loop 363 and North loop 363. This is a \$130 million project.

Another stretch of IH-35 that will go to six lanes is found north of Troy up to Falls County. This \$54 million project is set to move forward in 2011.

It has been a long and hard struggle for the folks in Central Texas to keep these much-needed highway improvements moving forward. We all know IH-35 through the heart of Texas has needed a major overhaul for a long time and, thankfully, it is finally going to get it.

It won't be pleasant while the actual construction is going on, of course. But, once it is finally done - we might all actually be able to get somewhere without having to time the drive with a calendar.

# FORUM



## Ending the 40-year entitlement

By MARY KATHERINE STOUT

In 1996, the United States Congress passed landmark welfare reform legislation, making it the most sweeping entitlement overhaul this country has ever seen. Today, nearly ten years after Congress' bold action, the lessons of welfare reform should serve as the blueprint for reforming Medicaid, an even bigger entitlement program threatening state budgets across the country.

As Medicaid celebrates its 40th birthday, it has become a government leviathan, devouring state budgets and leaving taxpayers bracing for the future. Although eligibility was originally limited to those qualifying for welfare's cash assistance, the Medicaid program has grown to encompass a growing number of people and services.

The results of that growth are staggering.

It took Texas 20 years to reach \$2 billion in annual Medicaid spending, yet program growth since 1987 has driven Medicaid spending skyward with \$37 billion approved for the 2006-07 budget. Ever-increasing eligibility and services have fueled caseload and budget growth.

State data shows the Texas Medicaid population has tripled in a decade, adding more than 1 million people to the rolls between 1990 and 1995 alone.

Today, approximately one in nine Texans receive Medicaid benefits; that's 2.6 million recipients out of 22.1 million Texans. With the Medicaid rolls expected to top 3 million people in 2006, the ratios will only get worse.

In the late '80s and early '90s the trends looked similar for welfare. Swelling welfare rolls had caused generations of families to be trapped

in the web of government assistance. States began looking for greater flexibility in managing their programs and pressing for ways to address the obvious cycle of welfare dependence.

Reformers ultimately tackled the most fundamental aspects of the program, moving welfare from an entitlement program to one of reciprocal obligation, and by freeing the states to manage programs better suited to their needs. Today, benefits are time-limited and contingent upon meeting work requirements. These reforms reestablished the notion of welfare as a temporary program aiding families when they need a safety net; more importantly, the reforms emphasized that work - not welfare - is the way of life.

Now, states are desperate for Medicaid reform to control costs and rid the program of rigid federal requirements. The path for achieving these reforms is clear: end the entitlement and give states greater flexibility.

Welfare reform changed the way federal funding came to the state by giving the state a fixed amount of money to run their program, and providing bonuses to states achieving high performance. Medicaid reform should take the same approach by prioritizing spending, and establishing broad goals for performance. States must have significant authority to tailor the program to fit their needs, and wide latitude to better align Medicaid with other government assistance programs. This includes the ability to make benefits contingent upon meeting requirements similar to other welfare programs.

What's more, Medicaid must be a program with reciprocal obligation.

Medicaid recipients should share in the cost of their care by paying meaningful monthly premiums and copayments. Since 1982, copayments have been limited to a nominal amount of no more than \$3, in most cases. This nominal copayment is merely an option in a meager cost-sharing arrangement since it cannot be collected on certain services, or from certain people, nor can services be denied for refusal to pay.

Although median family income today tops \$43,000 and a stamp costs 37 cents, Medicaid's copayments are effectively frozen in 1982 - when median family income was just over \$20,000 and a stamp was 20 cents.

Cost sharing must reflect today's world and as Medicaid recipients move up the income ladder or receive services outside a traditional health benefit, they should assume an increasing share of the cost.

Many of Medicaid's fiercest advocates are already objecting to suggested reforms that would control spending, taking particular exception to increased cost sharing. Such a position defies reality and reason.

Welfare reform successfully restored the idea that government assistance doesn't come free or without obligation; a concept most Americans understand whether they are working for a paycheck or paying for a doctor visit.

Medicaid reform must tackle the entitlement and provide states the flexibility they need while giving recipients greater responsibility over their lives.

Mary Katherine Stout is the health care policy analyst at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, an Austin-based research institute.

## Bush AWOL on oil company gouging



Jim Hightower

President Bush likes to strut around declaring that he's a "bold" leader who's unafraid to tackle "big problems." So, where's His Boldness on the gargantuan problem of America's addiction to high-priced, high-polluting oil?

We recently saw the ballyhooed release of his "new energy program," which wasn't new at all and does practically nothing to shift our nation's policy to a sensible future of clean, renewable energy. But let's just deal here with the volatile issue of the skyrocketing prices at the gas pump.

Even Mr. Bush's Hummer-driving constituency is mumbling about \$2.50-a-gallon gasoline, and these rising prices are putting a real hardship on cabbies, farmers, truck drivers, and other working folks. But Mr. Bold Leader says, "Oh gosh, there's nothing I can do, it's out of my hands, I'm powerless... good luck."

Hogwash. One thing a real leader would do would be to crack down on the oil companies that are gouging the middle-class and poor folks, robbing us not with a gun, but with the nozzle of a gas pump. The corporate cartel of ExxonMobil, Chevron-Texaco, Royal Dutch/Shell, ConocoPhillips etc. are making a killing from their oil wells, then using their monopolistic control of gasoline refining and marketing to profiteer at our expense. Their windfall profits this year alone are so huge that some of them are complaining that they don't know how to spend it all.

But our problem-solver-in-chief is AWOL. No temporary price regulations to stop the gouging, no windfall profits tax to recoup the rip-off, no presidential scolding of the gougers, no crackdown by the Federal Trade Commission on price collusion by the oil giants...nothing.

Of course, this is no surprise, since the Bushites have oil for brains. Big Oil is a big-time campaign donor to the president and literally makes federal energy policy. For example, guess who Mr. Bush appointed to head the FTC, the agency that's supposed to be the public's watchdog against such monopolistic gouging?

A lawyer from ChevronTexaco.

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## Are you on track toward retirement goals?

Although he may never have said it, Mark Twain, the author of Huckleberry Finn, is often credited with this quote: "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." Unfortunately, just about the same thing can be said about saving for retirement: We all think about it, but we don't take much action.

In fact, your fellow Americans are, at the moment, doing an inadequate job of saving for their retirement. Early in 2005, personal saving as a percentage of disposable personal income was just 0.4 percent, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce. And consider these numbers from the 2005 Retirement Confidence Survey, issued by the Employee Benefits Research Institute:

- Nearly four in 10 workers have not saved anything at all for retirement.
- Those who have put something away are not saving nearly enough.

### Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



Half the workers surveyed have set aside, on average, just \$25,000.

• About 60 percent of those surveyed have not even tried to calculate how much they'll need during their retirement years.

How can you determine how much you'll need to live comfortably during retirement? You'll need to consider a variety of factors, including the age at which you retire, your retirement lifestyle, your health and your projected longevity. To arrive at a good estimate, you may want to work with a financial professional - someone with the tools to generate several alternative retirement-income scenarios.

After you determine about how much money you'll need during your retirement years, your next step, not surprisingly,

is to figure out where that money will come from. Basically, you will need to rely on three sources: Social Security, employer-sponsored retirement plans, and personal savings and investments. Take a look at these:

- Social Security - No one can predict the ultimate result of the current national debate on funding Social Security. But no matter what happens, one thing is clear: Social Security will only cover a relatively small percentage of your retirement income - perhaps one-fifth to one-third of what you will need. To get an idea of what you can expect, study your Social Security benefit statement when it arrives in the mail.
- Employer-sponsored retirement plans - If you have a traditional "defined

benefit" retirement plan that is based on your years of service and level of income, your employer should be able to provide you with a statement projecting your future benefits. If you have a 401(k), 403(b) or 457 plan, your income will depend somewhat on the performance of the investments within your plan. Keep close track of how your plan is doing, and make adjustments, as needed, to diversify and manage your risk.

• Personal savings and investments - Closely monitor the performance of your IRA, stocks and other investments. If they are not producing the type of return you need to help you meet your retirement income goals, you may have to make changes.

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## Boomerang effect

### Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

There is an interesting trend developing in single-family homes: the kids aren't leaving! U.S. Census Bureau statistics show a whopping 14% increase in the number of families with grown children living at home.

Rising tuition, a sluggish job market, and the high cost of rent are the major reasons that adult children are moving back or staying at home. Con-

sider that in cities like Los Angeles, Atlanta and Boston, it is common for rent for a one-bedroom apartment to exceed \$1,000 a month!

Instead of sharing a place with ten roommates, kids are opting to stay with their folks and save money for down payment on their own home. This presents a wonderful opportunity for parents to foster their children's financial security and responsibility.

Parents might consider buying a property where their child attends college or university, building equity until graduation. Then you have some choices. Keep it and gain income from renting it (although you'll probably have to hire a maintenance person). Or sell it, likely at a profit. Or maybe your son or daughter will want to stay.

If you're looking at new houses and anticipating an adult child living at home, look for amenities like ample parking, guest suites (remember when they were "mother-in-law suites"?), or a guesthouse. Today's real estate market offers many options to accommodate this recent trend toward "boomerang" kids.

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## Sidewalk sale planned for Labor Day weekend

The Salado Business Association, in conjunction with the Salado Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a three-day sidewalk sale this Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 3-5.

Gifts, clothing, antiques, art, and handcrafted items will be offered at huge savings throughout the Village of Salado.

Sale items will be located both inside and outside Salado stores, as shopkeepers make room for newly arriving Christmas merchandise.

Sidewalk sale hours are 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sept. 3 and Sept. 5 and noon until 5 p.m. on Sept. 4.

The sidewalk sale is held the last weekend of the third Annual Salado Salutes Texas Educators week.

During the teacher appreciation days, educators register for shopping, dining and lodging gift certificates and this year one lucky educator will win a \$600.00 cash door prize made possible by local realtors at First Texas Brokerage, Century 21 Bill Bartlett and Properties by Larry Sands. Registration is free and no purchase is necessary for the prizes and surprises offered to state educators.

Salado Salutes Texas Educators begins Aug. 27 and continues through Labor Day weekend. The 10-day event is sponsored by the Salado Business Association and First State Bank Central Texas in appreciation to state educators and their dedication to the next generation of Texans.

For more information about the Salado Sidewalk Sale and Salado Salutes Texas Educators, visit the Salado Village website, [www.saladovillagevoice.com](http://www.saladovillagevoice.com) or the Salado Business Association website at [www.saladocom.com](http://www.saladocom.com).

You can also contact Dawn Orange at the Salado Chamber of Commerce at (254) 947-5040.

## Burn ban in effect through August

Bell County Commissioners set a 30-day burn ban during their Aug. 1 meeting to go into effect Aug. 3.

A previous 30-day burn ban expired July 27.

The order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

**Ordinance No. 2005.11**  
**Village of Salado**  
**County of Bell**  
**State of Texas**  
**July 21, 2005**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS REGARDING TREES, SHRUBS AND OTHER PLANT MATERIALS LOCATED IN AND ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY; PROVIDING THAT THE VILLAGE HAS JURISDICTION OVER TREES AND PLANT MATERIALS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; ESTABLISHING MINIMUM CLEARANCE FOR TREES AND SHRUBS ADJACENT TO AND OVERHANGING PUBLIC STREETS AND SIDEWALKS; AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OR OTHER ACTION AS TO DANGEROUS TREES, SHRUBS AND HEDGES THAT CONSTITUTE A NUISANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; PURPOSE; JURISDICTION; EFFECTIVE DATE; PENALTIES INCLUDING A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000.00 AND A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00 PER OFFENSE AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Salado ("Board of Aldermen") seeks to provide for the safe and orderly travel of pedestrian and vehicular traffic within its corporate limits; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Aldermen seeks to deter poor property maintenance and to preserve property values; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Aldermen finds that certain trees or shrubs that are not properly trimmed, pruned and otherwise maintained may be dangerous in that they may obstruct traffic or interfere with curbs, gutters, sewers, sidewalks, streets, public utilities, pedestrian traffic or vehicular traffic; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Aldermen finds that certain trees or shrubs that are not properly trimmed, pruned and otherwise maintained may constitute a nuisance and a threat to the public health, safety and general welfare; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Texas Transportation Code section 311.002, the Village of Salado ("Village") has exclusive control over the highways, streets and alleys of the Village; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Texas Transportation Code section 311.002, the Village may abate or remove an encroachment or obstruction on a highway, street or alley; prevent the obstruction of a drain or sewer; and protect a drain or sewer from encroachment or damage; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 342, the Village may regulate the cleaning of a building, establishment or ground from filth, carrion, or other impure or unwholesome matter and abate the same at the expense of the owner of the property;

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 342, the Village may require the owner of a lot to keep the lot free from weeds, rubbish, brush and other objectionable, unsightly or unsanitary matter and abate the same at the expense of the owner of the property; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 217, the Board of Aldermen has authority to prevent nuisances within the Village and remove the same at the expense of the person who is responsible for the nuisance or who owns the property on which the nuisance exists; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Texas Local Government Code section 51.032, the Village may adopt an ordinance the governing body considers proper for the government of the Village; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Texas Local Government Code section 51.001, the governing body of the Village may adopt an ordinance, rule or police regulation that is for the good government, peace or order of the Village or the trade and commerce of the Village; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Aldermen finds that the general welfare, health, morals and safety of the citizens of the Village are promoted by the enactment of this Ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS:**

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### 6. ENFORCEMENT

#### A. Civil and Criminal Penalties

The Village shall have the power to administer and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance as may be required by governing law. Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance is subject to suit for injunctive relief as well as prosecution for criminal violations.

#### B. Criminal Prosecution

Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Each day that a provision of this Ordinance is violated shall constitute a separate offense. An offense under this Ordinance is a misdemeanor.

#### C. Civil Remedies

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as a waiver of the Village's right to bring a civil action to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance and the codes herein adopted, and to seek remedies as allowed by law, including, but not limited to the following:

- (1) injunctive relief to prevent specific conduct that violates the Ordinance or to require specific conduct that is necessary for compliance with the Ordinance; and
- (2) a civil penalty up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) a day when it is shown that the defendant was actually notified of the provisions of the Ordinance and after receiving notice committed acts in violation of the Ordinance or failed to take action necessary for compliance with the Ordinance; and
- (3) other available relief.

**PASSED AND APPROVED on this, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2005, by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions of the Board of Aldermen.**

*A complete copy of this ordinance may be obtained at the Village office at .10 cents a page or may be found on the Village website at [www.villageofsalado.org](http://www.villageofsalado.org).*

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The Salado Redhawks began state tournament play in Killeen Aug. 1, with the tourney continuing through Aug. 5. The Red Hawks defeated the Salado Dragons 7-6 in extra-innings in the District Tournament, which earned them a chance to play for the state crown. They are, front row, l-r: Davis Little, Kyle Heiner, Keaton Mims, Tyler Krupp, Robert Cortes and Cody Lankford. Second row, l-r: Brandon Womac, Trey Mohler, Will Hightower, Bryce Martin, Sam Barrett, Michael Butts and Coby Giniewicz-Jackson. Back row, l-r: Coaches Wayne Womac, Keith Martin and Donnie Jackson. The team is sponsored by Womac Financial Services, LP, and team parents. Also, on Sat. Aug. 13 the Salado Youth Baseball Association will hold its Trophy and Sponsore Appreciation Day 5-7 p.m. at the Salado game fields.

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## Legends concludes season this weekend

Tablerock's outdoor musical drama, *Salado Legends*, will finish its 13th run on Aug. 6.

Jackie Mills wrote *Salado Legends* and many of the song lyrics.

*Salado Legends* is performed by a cast and crew of over 100 members who live all over Central Texas. The annual play has many Salado connections, including these: Rebecca Petro who attends Salado Intermediate School will be the Children's Director. She has had many roles in "Legends" for the past five years and will be attending a work shop in Hollywood part of the summer. Jon McHaney, from Salado and a recent graduate of University of North Texas, will play Tonweya for the third season. McHaney has been in "Legends" for

11 years. Melissa Hoernis, who lives in Salado and attends Texas A&M, will make her debut as "Texas."

Adult show tickets are \$15, children 12 and under \$5. Dinner is optional for \$8 per child or adult. You may purchase tickets to *Salado Legends* in Salado at First State Bank, Fletcher's Books and Antiques, The Salado Mansion or at Compass Bank in Salado, Belton and Temple. Tickets may be charged with a credit card at [www.tablerock.org](http://www.tablerock.org). At Fort Hood, ITR, you may purchase tickets by credit card or cash.

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

## Blood Mobile at Temple Mall Aug. 6

The Scott & White Blood Mobile will be at the Temple Mall 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 6 for a community blood drive.

All donors will receive a free t-shirt, a free airplane squeezie, free wings from Buffalo Wild Wings and the chance to win two free American Airlines tickets to anywhere in the continental United States, Mexico or Canada.

Those who aren't eligible to give blood can still participate in the blood drive by encouraging others to donate. Anyone who recruits at least two donors will be entered into the drawing for the airline tickets and receive a free t-shirt.

"Most people are eligible to donate, they just don't realize it," said Blood Donor Recruitment Manager Jennifer Roden. "Blood pressure medications aren't a problem. Cholesterol medications are not a problem. In fact, there's very little that will keep someone from giving blood except the false belief that they can't do it and it's not needed. In reality, the need is overwhelming."

Roden said that more

than 60 percent of the population is eligible to give blood, but only three percent actually do. "The need for blood is constant and one patient can easily use 60-to-120 pints of blood in a life-threatening situation," she said.

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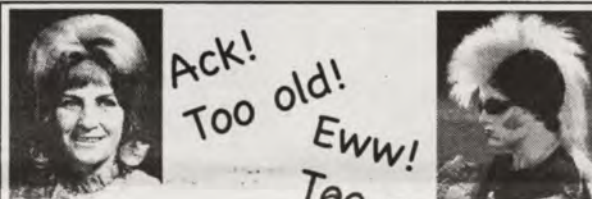
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## Master Gardeners slate free seminars

The Bell County Master Gardeners will hold a pair of free seminars, as well as a fall vegetable sale on Aug. 6, the group announced. Both the seminars and the vegetable sale will be held at the Bell County Extension office, located at 1605 North Main in Belton.

A fall vegetable seminar will take place at 8:30 a.m. The Master Gardeners will offer this 45-minute seminar to provide instruction on successfully planting and caring for fall vegetables. The session will discuss required maturation rates for fall plants, soil preparation, watering and provide lists of appropriate fall vegetable types. In addition, the Master Gardeners have begun a demonstration vegetable garden, which will soon be available to demonstrate these fall garden techniques.

Following the fall vegetable seminar, a seminar on oak will begin at 9:30 a.m. This 45-minute seminar will define the disease, its symptoms, point out precautions in caring for oaks, containment practices and "who to call."

In conjunction with the seminars, the fall vegetable sale will take place 8-10 a.m. The Bell County Master Gardeners will offer for sale a number of fast-maturing vegetable varieties that are appropriate for autumnal Central Texas vegetable gardens. These include:

tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini and yellow squash, epplant, collards, cabbage and broccoli.

The Bell County Master Gardener Program is a volunteer development program offered by Bell County Cooperative Extension and is designed to increase the availability of horticultural information to the community and improve the quality of life through horticultural projects. Dirk Aaron, as the Bell County Extension Agent, is the program sponsor.

The objectives are implemented through the training of local volunteers known as Master Gardeners, who then collaborate with the Extension to conduct youth and community education, establish and maintain demonstration gardens and provide a speakers bureau.

They also work with special audiences in the community (4-H horticultural clubs, Junior Master Gardener groups, schools, and others) for youth and community outreach of a horticultural nature.

For more information contact the County Extension Office at 254-933-5305.

### Califano earns honor roll designation

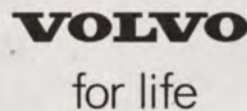
Salado resident, Joseph Califano, has earned a place on the President's Honor Roll for the spring semester at Texas State Technical College Waco.

Califano, a student in Automotive Technology, is among those recognized with a scholastic achievement of a 4.0 grade point average.

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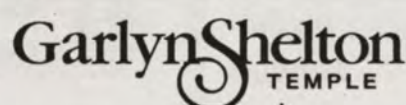
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## Burrows: I-35 will get worse before better

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
STAFF WRITER

In most respects, Bell County is in fine shape, according to County Judge Jon Burrows. At .361 cents per \$100 property valuation, the tax rate remains the lowest in Central Texas, and financially, he said, "the county is in good shape."

But the simple act of getting around could get rather messy when TxDOT begins work on county-wide I-35 expansion, and other improvements concentrated in Temple and Belton. Set tentatively to get underway in late 2005, the six-stage project should carry well into 2011:

Burrows spoke to the Salado Lions Club July 27 about the expansions, as well as the general state of the county.

## Lions sponsoring popular coupon book

The Salado Lions Club is currently sponsoring local sales of the 12th Annual Temple-Belton-Salado "Dining and Shopping Spree" Coupon Book, which features \$6,000 worth of gift certificates for free merchandise and services, 50 percent off discounts, and "2 for 1" dining, entertainment, golf, fast food, and pizza. Local telephone representatives will be contacting residents in Salado the first two weeks of August offering delivery of the coupon book. It consists

of 365 offers (valid thru June 30, 2006) from 200 businesses, including 80 restaurants).

There's no question that the need for more interstate space in Bell County is apparent, Burrows said. "I've noticed that when I'm coming back from Austin or someplace south, and I pass the Williamson County line into Bell County, in some ways it's like going from West Germany to East Germany," said Burrows.

But before things get better on I-35, they're likely to get worse. First on line will be the intersection of south Loop 363 and I-35, to be followed by expansion of I-35 from FM 2484 to US 190. The latter, Burrows pointed out, will not deal with the junction of I-35 and 190. Following that stage, TxDOT will expand north Loop 363 to Troy's southern boundary. After that, perhaps sometime in 2009, Salado gets its turn.

To complete the expansions, the interstate area between Loop 363 will be improved, and then finally the interstate north of the Troy city limits to the county line will finish the work.

And if all that sounds messy, that's because it will be, he said.

Switching gears, Burrows gave an update on construction projects underway in the county. Ground was broken on a district courts building next to the Bell County Expo Center in January of this year, and Burrows says he expects the project to be completed by May of next year. In addition, he said, expansion and renovation of the Killeen Annex, renovation of the Tax Collector/Assessor's office, and expansion of the county Communications Center should all be completed by the end of 2005.

The county jail, he continued, remains at or near full capacity on a consistent basis, and construction of a jail addition on the Loop 121 site should get underway in the near future. "We know we're going to have to take the heat somewhere along the line and go ahead with that jail expansion," he said. "We don't have much choice."

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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.
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## Cedar Valley Baptist holds revival with gospel music Aug. 7-11

Cedar Valley Baptist Church will host five nights of revival services, featuring evangelist Dennis Erwin and family, beginning Aug. 7.

Revival services will be held 7 p.m. nightly, Aug. 7-11 at the church, located at 12237 FM 2843, eight miles west of I-35.

In addition to Erwin's preaching, there will also be gospel music each evening from various groups.

Following services on homecoming Sunday, Aug. 7, a 12:30 p.m. lunch will be served at the church. At 2 p.m., a gospel music concert will kick off.

The revival services are open to the public. For more information call 947-5100.



Evangelist Dennis Erwin and family are guest at Cedar Valley Baptist Church August 7-11 revival

## Soprano Carol Meyer will perform at Feast of St. Mary at St Luke's Episcopal Aug. 15

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Belton will present Carol Meyer as a featured soloist at the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 15.

Carol Meyer, soprano, has performed internationally and in major opera houses across the United States, including the Metropolitan Opera. The range of her roles extends from Mozart to Poulenc. She was nominated for a Grammy Award in 2004

as a recording artist for the Milken Archive for American Jewish Music, available under the Naxos American Classics label. She has also made regular appearances with the contemporary music group "Continuum." She has been a regular performer and guest faculty member of the Chamber Music Conference of the East and Composers' Forum in Bennington, VT.

Meyer was introduced

to Salado as a student of Dr. John Van Cura, with whom she continues to study after a working relationship of nearly 30 years.

Meyer is remembered for her recital in the home of dentist and Salado resident, Dr. Doug Willingham in April 2004, which was sponsored by the Van Curas.

Meyer, now a future Salado resident, and Doug Willingham recently



Carol Meyer

announced their nuptial engagement to the Salado community.

## Dorcas "Dee" Eilers services held Aug. 2

Dorcas "Dee" Eilers, 65, of Morgan's Point, died Saturday, July 30, 2005 in a Temple Hospital.

Funeral services were held Aug. 2 at Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton, Rev. Ronnie Rhoades offi-

ciated. Graveside services were held Tuesday at Guadalupe Valley Memorial Park in New Braunfels.

Eilers was born to Melvin and Myrtle Lee Gann Boney in Rogers on April 8, 1940. She had been a resident of Bell County since 1990, moving here from New Braunfels, where she had lived for 35 years. Prior to her retirement, she was employed in retail sales. She was a member of Faith Tabernacle in Belton.

Survivors include on son, Daniel Ray Eilers of Morgan's Point; two brothers, Ray Boney of Lake Belton and Bill Boney of Salado; and one sister, Donna Young of Elm Mott. She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Lee Eilers on May 31, 1996 and one daughter, Susan Eilers in 1973.

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# What the heck is art anyway?

Dr. S. Chuck McCarter, professor at UMHB and Temple College, will answer the question "What the Heck is Art Anyway?" during the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) Arts Awards noon Aug. 9 in the Mill Creek Country Club dining room.

Leslie Hyland will sing Stephen Sondheim's "The Art of Making Art," during the luncheon honor for recipients of PALS 2005 Arts Awards.

The public is invited, and reservations, to be made no later than Aug. 5, may be completed by calling 947-8300.

Admission is \$15; honorees receiving awards will be admitted for \$10.

A Recognition of Distinction will be presented to the Tablerock Theatre of Salado Board of Directors for its support of Public Arts programming in Salado. A special award, designed by Troy Kelley, will be presented to Jackie Mills in recognition of her service to Tablerock and the Village of Salado.

Three designations of "Salado Public Arts Landmarks and/or Activities" will be added to PALS "Distinctive



Dr. S. Chuck Carter

Public Arts" roster and announced with photographs by Margaret Williamson.

Honorees receiving awards are Restaurant owners and managers and their chefs who contributed to the success of "A Taste of Salado

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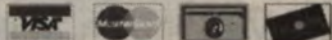
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## Art Fair favorite Boutwell returns

George Boutwell, Texas State Artist for 2006 in the two-dimensional category, will be among the more notable participants in this weekend's 39th Annual Salado Art Fair.

The 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.

Over his long career, Boutwell has risen to a position of prominence in the world of Texas artists. Though born in Connecticut in 1943, Boutwell's family eventually found their way to Texas by the time George had entered first grade.

Self taught because he could not afford formal art lessons, Boutwell sketched constantly - sometimes completing as many as 100 per day - and absorbed every book on art in the public library.

After finding employment as a professional commercial artist, Boutwell finally had the opportunity and income to enroll in the professional art classes that he had so long desired.

He eventually ascended to the position of art director for *Texas Highways*



Lone Star Classic by Texas artist George Boutwell.

Magazine in 1966, and served in that role until becoming a full-time working artist in 1973. He is now regarded as one of the foremost artists depicting subjects that are quintessentially "Texan." His paintings of historic Texas courthouses, in particular, have garnered Boutwell much acclaim and popularity with the public.

His awards, publications, commissions, exhibits and shows are too numerous to mention, and he was twice a finalist for official Texas State Artist before earning the commendation for 2006. His painting of Hank Aaron's record-setting 715th homerun hangs in the Baseball Hall of Fame, in

Cooperstown, NY.

He and his wife, Martha, now live on a ranch overlooking the Bosque River in Clifton, in a century-old Victorian home known as Highview.

Parking for this year's Salado Art Fair is free throughout the village with shuttle rides to the park.

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](http://www.salado.com).

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# What's happening around

## 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 15

**Beginners quilting class at The Sewing Basket, 6-9 p.m.,** taught by Renee Marshall. Cost: \$45 plus supplies. Info: 947-5423.

## AUGUST 15

**Salado Youth Baseball Association Annual Trophy Day and Sponsor Appreciation Day, 5-7 p.m.** at the Salado game fields.

## 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. Theme: "Country Swing into Fall" with a bbq buffet dinner with all the trimmings. Music by Touch of Class. Reservations due to by Aug. 11. Send reservations to: MCCA/P.O. Box 562/Salado, TX 76571.

## 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 22

**Beginners quilting class at The Sewing Basket, 6-9 p.m.,** taught by Renee Marshall. Cost: \$45 plus supplies. Info: 947-5423.

## 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 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.**

## AUGUST 29

**Beginners quilting class at The Sewing Basket, 6-9 p.m.,** taught by Renee Marshall. Cost: \$45 plus supplies. Info: 947-5423.

## 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.

## SEPTEMBER 10

**Mid Texas All-Sports Car Show, noon-5 p.m.** on the Stagecoach Green. Free admission, live music. Cars include Corvettes, Jaguars, Porsches, MG's, Vipers and Cobras, among others. Trophies will be awarded at 4 p.m. Info: www.midtexcorvette.com.

## 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 12

**Beginners quilting class at The Sewing Basket, 6-9 p.m.,** taught by Renee Marshall. Cost: \$45 plus supplies. Info: 947-5423.

## 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.

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# the Village?

**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 2**

**Cooking class at The Range: A Wine Pairing Dinner with John Mackrell.** Info: www.therangerrestaurant.com.

**OCTOBER 6**

**Cooking Class at The Range: Great Salads and Soups.** Info: www.therangerrestaurant.com.

**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 13**

**Cooking class at The Range: Party Items; Great Items to bring**

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**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 20**

**Cooking Class at The Range: "Low Carb"** Cooking. Info: www.therangerrestaurant.com.

**OCTOBER 21**

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

**OCTOBER 22**

**Salado Education Foundation Chisholm Trail Cattleman'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 27**

**Cooking class at The Range: Grilling on the Patio.** Info: www.therangerrestaurant.com.

**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 3**

**Cooking class at The Range: Awesome Fall and Winter Desserts.** Info: www.therangerrestaurant.com.

**NOVEMBER 4**

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

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**Cooking class at The Range: Simple, Fast and Delicious.** Info: www.therangerrestaurant.com.

**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.

**NOVEMBER 19**

**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.

**NOVEMBER 26-27**

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

**DECEMBER 2-3**

**Tablerock's 13th Annual presentation of A Christmas Carol**, 7 p.m. each night. Tickets: adults \$5, children 12 and under, \$3. Sandwiches and drinks available beginning 6:30 p.m. Info: 947-9205 or www.allcentex.com/tablerock. Email: tablerock1@aol.com.

**DECEMBER 2-4**

**Salado Historical Society Annual Christmas Tour of Homes and Historical Log Cabins**; 5-8 p.m. Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 3 and 1-5 p.m.

Dec. 4. Info: 947-8300.

**DECEMBER 2-4 & 9-11**

**Annual Christmas Stroll celebration in the Village Salado.**

**DECEMBER 13**

**Mill Creek Community Association Christmas Party and Annual Meeting**, at Mill Creek Inn Restaurant.

Cash happy hour: 6 p.m., dinner: 7 p.m.

**DECEMBER 16**

**St. Stephen Catholic Church Christmas Dinner.**

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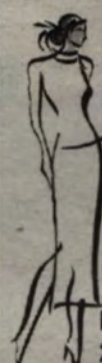
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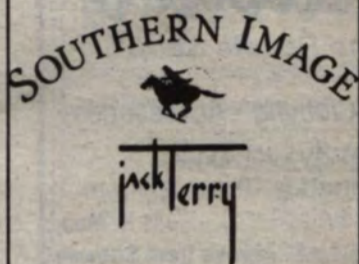
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**Carver returns from teaching in Romania**

For most Americans, Romania is just a spot on a map. But for Saladoan Dr. Raymond Carver, the Eastern European nation is a tapestry of friendly people, picturesque villages and colorful folklore.

And most importantly, it is classroom of energetic students whose joy of learning and friendliness impressed Carver during a recent three-week GlobalVolunteers service program in Barlad, Romania. (Global Volunteers is a nonprofit organization that offers short-term service projects in 19 countries around the world. Carver also has volunteered in China with the organization.)

Carver and several other North American volunteers from all walks of life lent a helping hand to youths in the Barlad region of eastern Romania. Some spent their days caring for "at risk" babies in a rural "failure to thrive" clinic, while other volunteers - including Carver - served as English language tutors



Dr. Raymond Carver

at Barlad middle and high schools.

By immersing themselves in the local culture of Romania, the volunteers came away with new perspectives on its people and history, insights rarely possible through the windows of a tour bus.

"I enjoyed the discussions with high school students regarding their perceptions of life in Romania," said Carver.

During free time, the volunteers had the opportunity to visit Transylvania at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains, historic castles, monasteries and picturesque mountain villages. Romania is a country where past and present rub shoulders. Horse-drawn wagons share the road with BMWs; modern-dressed Romanians walk alongside colorfully clad gypsies. Vibrant cities are surrounded by acres of farmland worked by horse-drawn plows.

Several more Global Volunteers teams are scheduled to Romania throughout the year. That continuity is crucial, especially for the hospital nursery project where the cumulative effect of several teams of

volunteers per year creates a tremendous source of emotional nourishment for fragile babies.

The English-teaching volunteers to Romania are provided with a pre-trip orientation packet that helps guide the teaching process. Volunteers concentrate on conversational skills because Romanian children rarely have the opportunity to converse with native English speakers.

Volunteers pay tax-deductible service program fees, excluding airfare. Included in the fee are all meals, lodging and ground transportation in the host community, volunteer orientation materials, and project expenses.

Two and three-week programs are scheduled throughout the year to Australia, China, Costa Rica, Cook Islands, Ecuador, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Romania, Spain, Tanzania and Ukraine. One-week programs are limited to the United States.

For information, contact Global Volunteers at (800) 487-1074, 375 E. Little Canada Rd., St. Paul, MN 55117, or visit [www.globalvolunteers.org](http://www.globalvolunteers.org).

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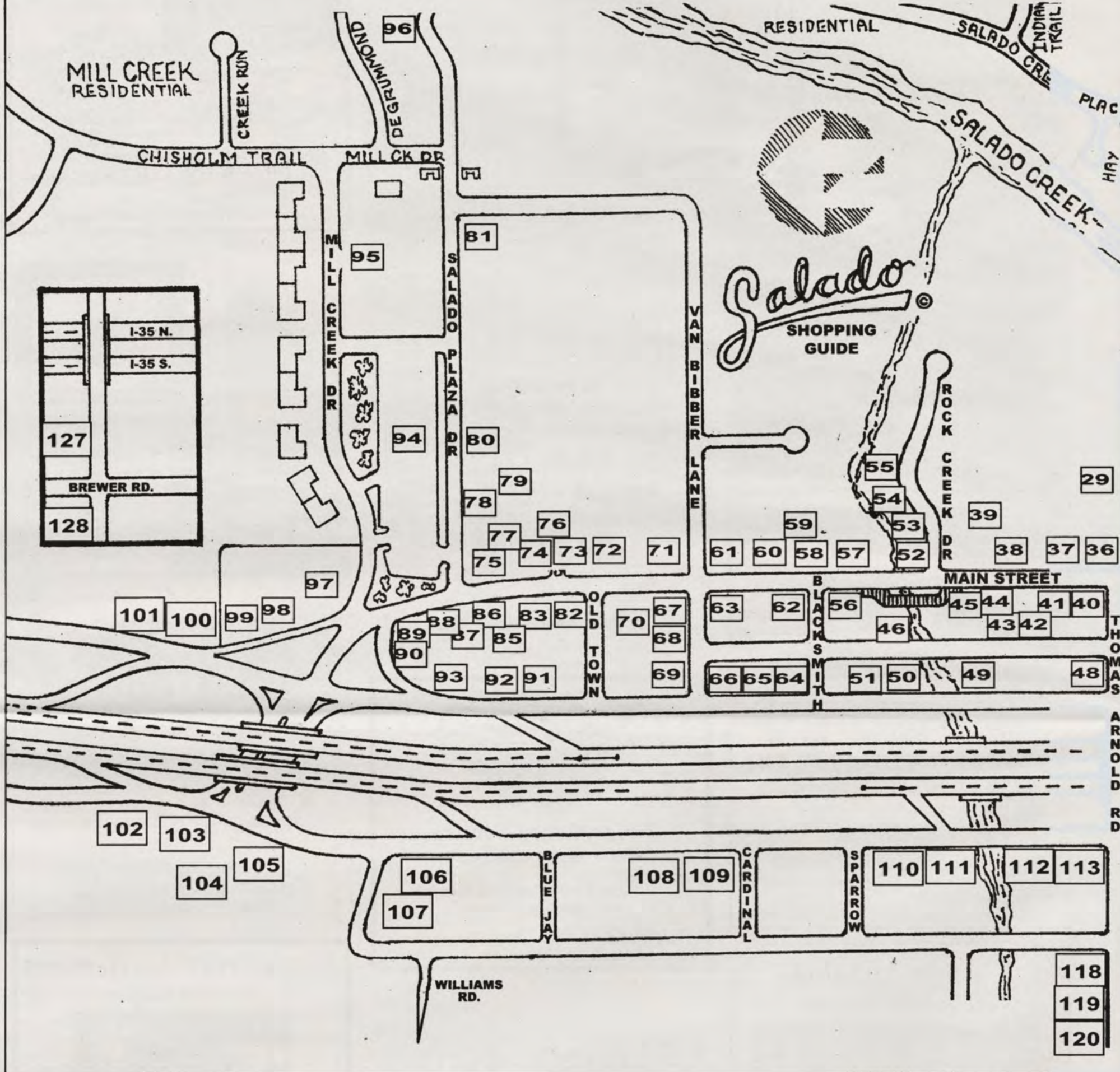
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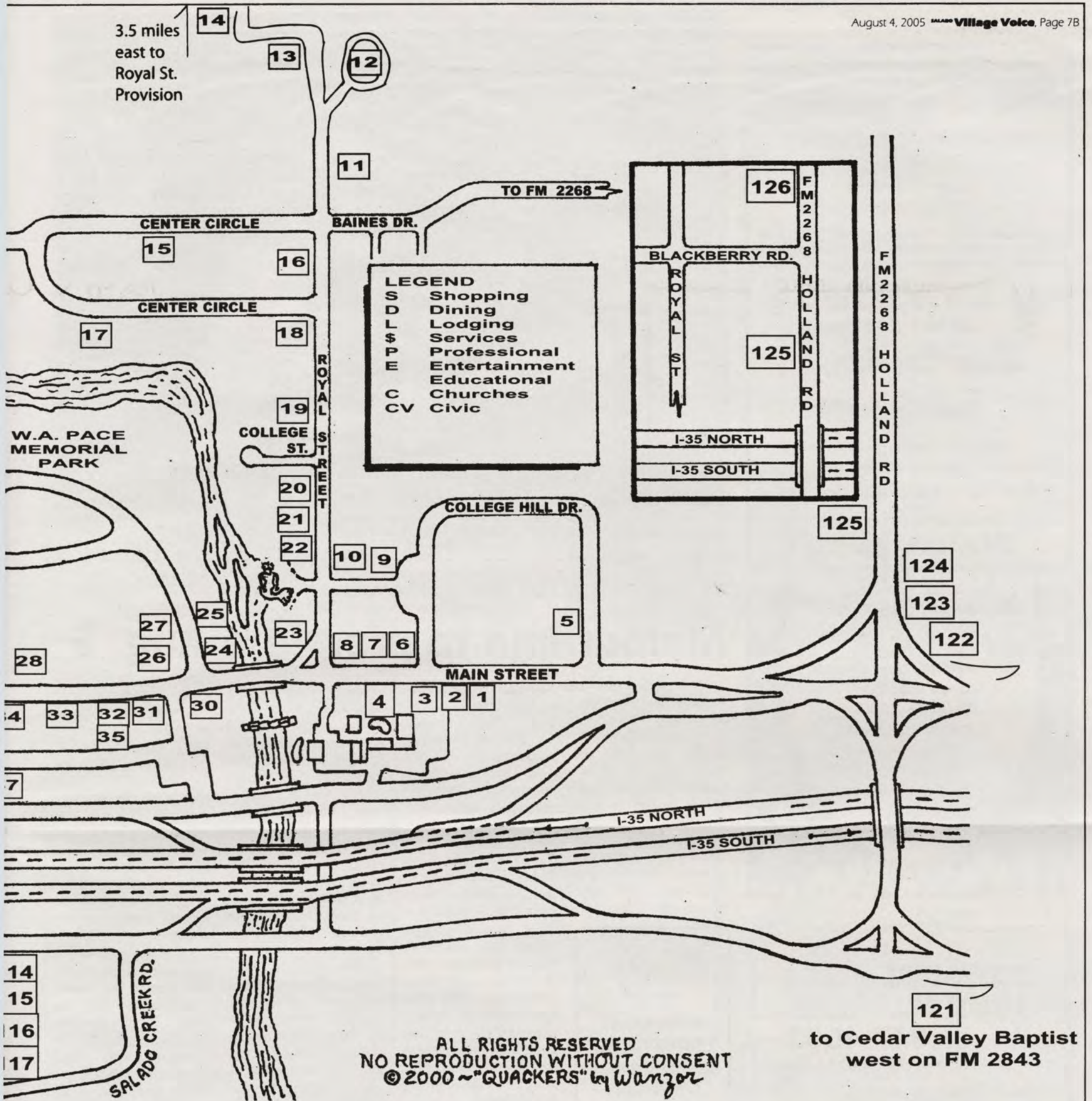
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The Salado Springs Truth Tonic and Elixir Medicine Show

**Melodrama to premiere Aug. 5**

The Silver Spur Theatre will host the world premiere of an original new melodrama, "The Salado Springs Truth Tonic and Elixir Medicine Show," beginning Aug. 5 and continuing through the next three weekends of August. Local Salado High School drama teacher and performer Gary Askins wrote this show specifically for Penny and

Grainger Esch, resident performers of the Silver Spur. "This marvelous theater and its equally marvelous cast and crew are a welcome addition to our community, and they offer an entertainment venue unique to Central Texas," said Askins. "I wanted to add this almost traditional melodrama to their season. The 'Medicine Show' is the first of these hopefully annual satiric and humorous looks at life on the banks of Salado Creek, Texas and America. The Silver Spur Theatre 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 distress and a clear idea of right and wrong. 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. The entire performance will be enhanced by the music of Nelda Milligan, the theater's resident piano virtuoso.

This particular melodrama is about the troubles and travails of Penelope Trueheart (Penny Esch), the new school marm, and her traveling companion Mrs. Bertha Bovine (Karen Ewton) as they struggle to build a school for the children of Salado. The women immediately fall victim to the evil Snidely H. Whiplash (Gary Askins) and his ne'er-do well partner in

crime George Shrub (Tony Blackman). They encounter Miss Katrina Love (Jody Askins), the local saloonkeeper, Tonkawa Tom and Colonel South (Ben Milligan) and things look pretty bleak until the arrival of Sam Houston Smith (Grainger Esch) and his trusty side kick Justin Time (Garrett Askins) who, of course, save the day, the women, and the village.

"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," Askins commented. "This is an almost traditional melodrama so come prepared to boo the villain and cheer for our heroes as this type of drama works best when the audience is a part of the presentation. I would hope that everyone also brings a friend or two along with their best sense of humor. We have really tried to be equal opportunity offenders in our family-friendly show, but I'll let the audience decide."

The Silver Spur Melodrama will be presented on the first three weekends of August with performances scheduled for Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

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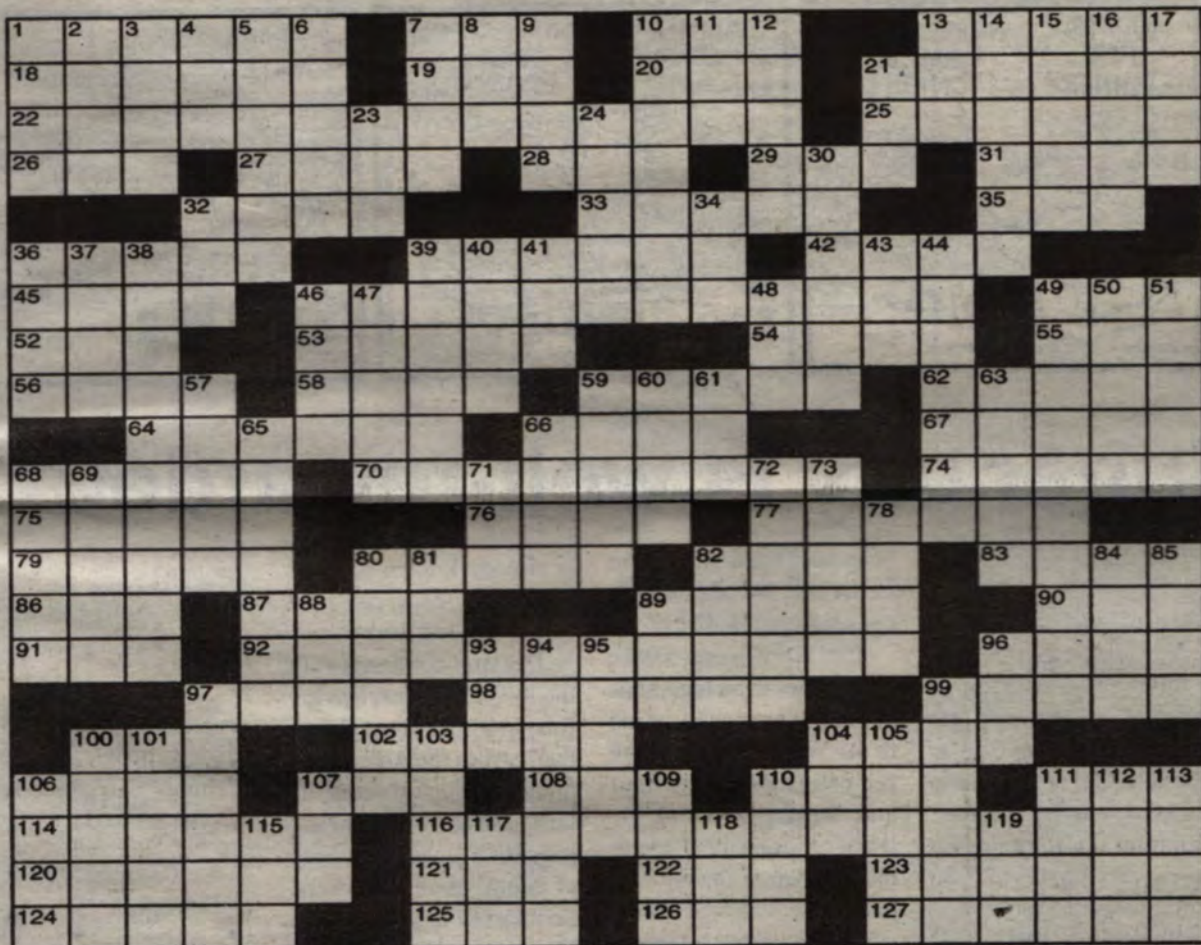
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**Ingenuity is well-rewarded**

By STEVE BECKER

There is a certain compelling logic in bridge that, if followed to its rational conclusion, can sometimes lead declarer to make a play that he would not normally think of or even consider. Call it intuition, reasoning power or whatever you will, it does the job.

Consider this deal where West leads the A-K-J of clubs against four spades, declarer ruffing the third round. The contract looks hopeless, since South has only nine tricks consisting of seven spades and the A-K of diamonds. He has no apparent entry to dummy's ace of hearts, his potential 10th trick, nor can

he expect the diamonds to be divided 3-3 after West's opening diamond bid.

But South can make four spades in an ingenious manner if he puts his mind to it. When he leads the ace of spades at trick four and West shows out, he learns a great deal about the makeup of the adverse hands.

South has already discovered at trick three that West, who opened the bidding with one diamond, started with five clubs. It is therefore reasonable to assume that West also has five or six diamonds. This means that East started with one diamond or none to go with the four spades and two clubs he

is already known to hold. This knowledge can now be put to good use.

Declarer continues with the K-Q of spades, leaving East with the ten. South then cashes the A-K of diamonds. If East trumps, he will have to return a heart, providing a haven for both of South's diamond losers. So let's say East discards a heart instead.

East's refusal to ruff does not let him off the hook, however. South counters by leading the spade three, forcing East to win the trick and lead a heart into dummy's A-Q. The net effect is that South loses a trump trick he did not have to lose, but scores two heart

West dealer.  
 East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ 8 4  
 ♥ A Q 7 3  
 ♦ 8 5 4  
 ♣ 8 7 4 3

**WEST**  
 ♠ —  
 ♥ J 9 5  
 ♦ Q J 10 9 3  
 ♣ A K J 10 5

**EAST**  
 ♠ 10 9 7 5  
 ♥ K 10 8 6 4 2  
 ♦ 6  
 ♣ Q 9

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A K Q J 6 3 2  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ A K 7 2  
 ♣ 6 2

The bidding:  
 West 1♦ North Pass East 1♥ South 4♣  
 Opening lead — king of clubs.

tricks in return. And that is the sort of exchange any declarer should be happy to accept.

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# Fall registration ongoing at TC

Early registration for fall semester classes at Temple College is under way and will continue through Aug. 11.

Students are urged to register early for the best selection of classes and schedule. More than 900 students have already completed early

registration and are ready for the first day of classes on Aug. 22.

Early registration and advising is held 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. at One College Centre. Advising is by appointment only except for "walk in" days every Thursday.

Returning students

eligible for web registration may early register or make schedule changes using TConnect through Aug. 14.


Regular registration and schedule changes will be Aug. 15-18. Advising is by appointment only on Aug. 15. Open registration will be Aug. 17-18.

On site registration at the Taylor Center will be 2-6 p.m. Aug. 15. On site registration at the Cameron Education Center will be 1:30-5:30 p.m. Aug. 16.

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# Some wedding do's and dont's

The county judge of Cherokee county, Chris Davis, has conducted lots of weddings. He has learned some things.

"A boutonniere will not properly hang on a Budweiser T-shirt. When you have a wedding and one of the groomsmen has on a Budweiser T-shirt, just leave the boutonniere off. It's probably the best thing."

He married one couple at Shiloh Ridge near the community of Alto, where Chris lives. Four-wheelers run through the mud there.

"People come from everywhere to just go crazy riding their four wheelers and four wheel drive trucks. I had a call from a couple who wanted to get married at Shiloh Ridge. I immediately had some strange visions going through my head. I mean this has got to be a redneck wedding. It's just a mud bog out there. Well when I arrive to perform the ceremony, it was a beautiful fall day and the trees were ablaze with color. We were on top of a hill and you could see all the way around. It was gorgeous. They had this nice huge expensive wedding tent for the reception and all. Chairs were set up under those oak trees and the white material for the aisle was rolled out. I thought I had been wrong about this. It's going to be real nice.

"I was waiting for the

by  
Tumbleweed  
Smith



groom to arrive and I looked over and saw this big black four wheel drive pickup across the pasture and it's got a big bowtie on the front of it made out of aluminum foil. The truck pulls up at the end of the aisle and the groom gets out of the truck. He comes up and stands by me. Then in a minute here comes this Blazer from across the field and it's got a huge white veil taped to the top of it. That veil has a long train on it and it's blowing in the wind. That four wheel Blazer stops

near the pickup and the bride steps out and walks down the aisle. It was a beautiful wedding."

While Chris was a Justice of the Peace at Alto he heard all sorts of stories about why people shouldn't have to pay a speeding ticket. One medical student wrote Chris a letter explaining why he was speeding.

"He said he was on his way to see this beautiful woman in Tyler. Being a medical student he was so busy and time was such a premium he calculated

if he drove 70 miles an hour (this was when the speed limit was 55) he would have an extra hour to bathe in the company of such a beautiful person. I wrote him back a letter and said surely spending time with a woman this beautiful was worth the price of a defensive driving course. I told him I didn't understand why he didn't bathe before going to see the girl. Then I told him the amount he owed. The guy came into my office and paid the ticket and never mentioned the letter."

An older woman who came in to plead her case said her prostate cancer was bothering her. Chris thought if she had prostate cancer she could enter her story in the journal of medicine and have enough money to pay her ticket.



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# Salado native talks about early days, years at Exxon, future retirement

Morris Foster, Salado native, President of ExxonMobil Production Company and owner of Stagecoach Inn and Mill Creek Golf and Country Club, spoke to the Salado Rotary Club July 26 about his childhood in Salado, his work with ExxonMobil and his plans for post-retirement life.

Foster explained that he joined ExxonMobil in 1965, after graduating from the Engineering School of Texas A&M. He then progressed through the company from positions such as Executive Assistant to the President of Exxon in 1975, Operations Manager in East Texas Production in Houston, and in London as Production Manager for Esso Exploration.

As recently as 1992 he was in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia where he received the Paduka Mahkota Awards from the Sultan of Terengganu and the Sultan of Perak. In 1995 he returned to Houston and was appointed the Senior Vice President and a member of the Management Committee of Exxon Company, with responsibility for the company's upstream business. In 2004 was appointed to his current

position and elected Vice President of ExxonMobil Corporation.

Foster maintains involvement in many civic and cultural endeavors in Texas. He has been inducted into Texas A&M's Academy of Distinguished Graduates and is on the Chancellor's Century Council of Advisors. He sits on the Board of Directors of the Houston Music Hall Foundation, serves on the Board of the Museum of Fine Arts, Scott and White Medical Institute, the Greater Houston partnership, Houston United Way, Governor Perry's Business Council and many other civic organizations.

He described his "Mark Twain style" of growing up in Salado, then a town of some 500 residents. He attended school in the building that is now the Salado Civic Center, with elementary classes on the first floor and high school on the second. After graduating from a class of about 10 students, he was dissuaded from a career as an auto mechanic by his parents and several in the community, who then helped guide him to Texas A&M, where he graduated in 1965.

Foster also shared



Salado native Morris Foster

several interesting stories about his 40-year career in the oil business, from being imprisoned in Russia when his plane, on an exploration trip, was forced to land at a Russian air strip; to negotiating in the country of Chad with a Sultan who placed several revolvers and knives on the table before he began his dealings.

In addition, Foster gave a detailed description of the Thunder Horse off shore drilling rig, which was in the recent news as it listed about 30 degrees in the powerful storms which hit the Gulf of Mexico. This \$2 billion floating rig, which is owned jointly by BP and Exxon, was evacuated during Hurricane Emily, leaving no personnel to control its ballast. As a result it tilted several degrees and might have capsized. Had it been in operation, it could have resulted in a the major oil spill offshore, Foster said. The problems at Thunder Horse has since been corrected.

Contrary to popular belief, he continued, the quantity of Alaskan oil expected from ANWAR

is not nearly large as the current Prudhoe Bay source. Foster noted that he was actually one of the original designers and builders of the Prudhoe Bay oil field, which has supplied about six percent of the nation's oil since the pipeline opened.

For those that are concerned about depletion of the world's oil resources, he says approximately one trillion of the world's eight trillion known barrels of oil have been produced. An omnipresent concern is that 60 percent of U.S. oil is supplied by Muslim countries, and this is expected to rise to 70 percent in the next 10 years, he said.

Foster also went on to say that he plans on maintaining a residence in Salado after he retires, but that he will not live in Salado year-round. He also put to rest any rumors that he is attempting to sell Stagecoach and Mill Creek, saying that he didn't make the investments for personal financial gain, and that he has no intention of selling.

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

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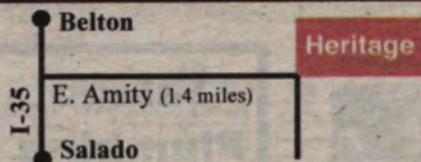
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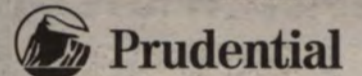


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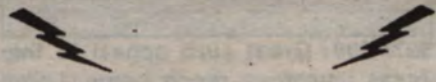
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**550 Acres** with ranch style house west of Jarrell. Call today for more details!



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**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.**



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



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**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.
- 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. **\$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.