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School costs top \$8 mil

By TIM FLEISCHER
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Salado school trustees set a 6 p.m. Aug. 29 public hearing on a proposed operating budget of \$8.2 million and a proposed tax rate of \$1.58 per \$100 evaluation.

If the board ultimately adopts the \$1.58 tax rate, it will be the third straight year that the overall tax rate has remained the same. However, the proposed tax rate will move one penny from the debt service (I&S) tax to the maintenance and operation tax.

The current tax rate of \$1.58 dedicates \$1.412 to M&O and \$0.168 to I&S. The proposed tax rate for 2005-06 will have \$1.422 dedicated to M&O and \$0.158.

The district is able to move the penny debt service of an approximate seven percent increase in taxable property values, which would allow the district to meet its \$677,542 annual debt payment with a lower tax rate. The \$0.158 I&S tax rate will generate \$670,331 in local revenues, coupled with a paltry \$12,211 in state debt service revenues. In 200-2001, the year the school district built the intermediate school, the

district received \$231,421 in state revenues for debt service.

Superintendent Robin Battershell told school trustees at their regular meeting Aug. 15 that as Salado ISD gets closer to becoming a Chapter 41 property wealthy school district, the greater the burden on the local taxpayer to fund the local schools would be.

She informed the board that according to current Robin Hood school funding templates and taxable property growth estimates, Salado ISD should not cross the threshold of becoming a "Chapter 41" school district for another two years.

Currently, less than 20 percent of the total operating budget for Salado ISD is funded by the state. According to the proposed budget for 2005-06, Salado will receive \$1.4 million in state funds. Local operating revenues will generate \$6.5 million, \$5.9 million of it from local taxpayers.

The proposed 2005-06 operating budget of \$8.2 is five percent more than last year's approved budget of \$7.8 million. It is based on a five percent growth in student population. The first day enrollment of 1,207 is six percent higher than last year's first day

enrollment of 1,138. In 2004-05, Salado's enrollment ultimately grew to 1,159, which was an increase of more than nine percent.

By far the largest expense in the proposed 2005-06 budget (or any year budget, for that matter) is payroll, which totals \$6 million, or 74 percent of the total operating costs. Of that, \$4 million is for instruction payroll costs.

Supplies will total more than 10 percent of the budget at \$3,497,144 total expenses.

Contracted services will total almost nine percent of the budget. Of that \$717,910 total, \$311,880 will be earmarked for plant maintenance and operation contract services.

By function, 56 percent of the total operating budget is in instruction costs;

Budget comparisons by function can be found on page 9A this issue of Salado Village Voice. Additional student enrollment, budget, property wealth and tax rate comparisons can be found at www.saladovillagevoice.com.

Among the new expenses in the proposed budget are these: mixer, \$8,000; new English as Second Language teacher, SEE SISD, PAGE 9A



Photo by Tim Fleischer
Thomas Arnold Elementary Principal Lisa Nix welcomes kindergartener Tyler Edmondson on the first day of school Aug. 16. Salado schools saw first-day enrollment of 1,207, which was a six percent increase over last year's 1,138 first-day enrollment. Thomas Arnold Elementary enrolled 394 for the first day, up from last year's 388. Salado Intermediate School enrolled 398 for the first day, a six percent increase over last year's 375. With an incoming freshman class of more than 100 students, Salado High School saw its enrollment jump to 415 on the first day, an increase of almost 11 percent from last year's 375. Since the first day of school of the 2001-02 school year, Salado I.S.D. has added 69 students, an overall increase of six percent.

Aldermen mull budget

Salado aldermen will discuss the 2005-06 budget during their regular meeting 6:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Municipal Building, 313 Stagecoach Rd.

The board will also discuss bidding procedures for the renovation of the old Salado Funeral Home for expanded municipal space. The building will likely house the city secretary, municipal court and aldermen meeting room.

The current municipal building will give expanded space to the Scott & White emergency personnel and police department.

The Village has budgeted (in 2004-05) approximately \$50,000 in renovations to the building for its expected use.

Aldermen will also consider proposed hotel/motel grant awards and a sign variance request from Southern Image.

The board will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2005-06 budget Sept. 1 at the Municipal Building. A budget comparison can be found at www.saladovillagevoice.com.

The draft budget for the Village of Salado tops \$536,000 in spending, which is almost \$90,000 more than the approved budget for 2004-05.

Reception Aug. 18 to honor McConnells, library pioneers

Salado Public Library will honor one of its pioneers and founders during a reception 7 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Library on N. Main St.

The public is invited to attend the reception during which Dr. Robert McConnell will discuss the history of the library and its growth over the past two decades.

The Library was founded when a commit-

tee of the Salado Chamber of Commerce took the fledgling idea and brought it into being. It opened its doors in the corner of Double Eagle Center (where Texan by Design is housed today). The first catalog and furniture of the library was donated by the Friends of the Salado Public Library, an organization which continues to support the library today.

The Salado Public Library contributed to

the renovation of the old red schoolhouse on Main Street, the south end of which would become its second home.

While it was housed in the Salado Civic Center, the Library went through a great period of growth culminating in a successful election that formed the Salado Public Library District, a special purpose district that levies a half-cent sales tax.

Drs. Robert and B.J.

McConnell were very involved in the transition from an organization solely supported by donations to a library supported in great part by sales tax rebates.

In fact, Robert headed the Library board and B.J. was one of the first directors elected to the Public Library District Board.

The Public Library District Board expanded the library when it was moved to its current home

on the north end of Main Street.

Due to sales tax revenues, the Public Library is able to hire professional staff, whereas the first several years of the Library's existence the staff were all volunteers.

The McConnells, who have been supporters of the Salado Public Library before there ever was a library, are moving from Salado.

The Aug. 18 reception

will give beneficiaries and supporters of the library a chance to thank the couple for the work over the past two decades and a chance to see pictures of the evolution and transition of the library.

Dr. McConnell has chronicled the first two decades of the Library in "The History of the Salado Public Library 1985-2005." He has given several copies of the book to the Library.



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The Salado Volunteer Fire Department will hold a fundraising fish fry 5-8 p.m. Aug. 27 at the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



The travesty of "Catch and Release"

There are two types of people who are intimately familiar with the practice of "catch and release" -- fishermen and border-control agents. Fishermen at least get some satisfaction from it. For border-control agents, it is a symptom of this nation's contempt for its own immigration laws.

When Mexicans are caught crossing into the U.S., they are returned across the border. When illegals from countries Other Than Mexico (OTMs) are caught, it's more complicated. They often come from Latin American countries that have various obstacles to repatriation, and we don't have the space to hold them. So they are released into the U.S. after they promise to show up at a deportation hearing. That promise and \$80 might get you the services of an illegal day laborer.

Congress is beginning a scorching battle over immigration policy, pitting anti-enforcement business and ethnic lobbies backing the McCain-Kennedy amnesty bill against grass-roots supporters of a tough-enforcement approach, embodied in the more muscular Kyl-Cornyn bill. There is no better emblem of the border insanity Congress must fix than the travesty of "catch and release."

The Border Patrol is set to apprehend 150,000 OTMs in this fiscal year. Most of those are caught in the Rio Grande Valley Sector in Southeast Texas, where 52,160 OTMs have been caught so far this year. Of those, 92 percent have been released on their own recognizance -- and are probably bound for an urban area near you. The immigration court in Harlingen, Texas, has a failure-to-appear rate of roughly 90 percent.

The office within the Department of Homeland Security responsible for detentions and removals has 18,500 detention beds. Of those, 16,800 are reserved for criminals and others who

Rich Lowry



urgently have to be detained. Those beds are overwhelmed, since so many criminal aliens attempt to (and do) make it into the U.S. (Between March 2003 and February 2004, nearly 80,000 criminal aliens were deported.) That leaves only 1,700 beds for everyone else. It's not enough.

Current high levels of illegal immigration are not inevitable. In early July, the Border Patrol began focusing on the problem of high numbers of Brazilians illegally crossing the border in the Rio Grande Valley Sector by placing them in detention and applying an expedited removal process that can get them out of the country in days. About two weeks later, the number of Brazilian crossings in that sector was down 75 percent.

The reform bill sponsored by Republican Sens. Jon Kyl (Ariz.) and John Cornyn (Texas) would encourage authorities to make greater use of expedited removal, setting aside \$50 million for it. On the other end, it pushes the countries of origin to cooperate by making a temporary-guest-worker program in the U.S. available to their citizens only if the governments take back illegals within three days. Finally, the bill provides for another 10,000 detention beds over five years.

It would be a step toward rationality at the border, and toward appropriately reserving the practice of "catch and release" for trout.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Lawmakers head home Friday; So far they've passed pay-pension hikes and a phone rate-setting bonanza

The recent rumbling-rumpus, in and around our State capitol building, was not created solely by last week's powerful thunderstorms, but from a brouhaha between House Speaker Tom Craddick and Lt. Governor David Dewhurst that has been simmering since the middle of the regular 140 day term, and on through the first special session. It finally erupted publicly August 11, just eight days before Session Two ends - at midnight tomorrow (hopefully).

The problem began early-on when Craddick refused to hurt his business pals by joining Dewhurst & Company (in the Senate), who wanted to either have all businesses pay their fair share of the franchise tax or be hit with a payroll tax - both ideas causing immediate consternation among leaders of the Texas Business Association and its army of mercenaries.

After the current special session drifted aimlessly for three weeks - Craddick finally announced "it was time to quit and go home!" Dewhurst disagreed and said "giving up in defeat" wasn't what folks had elected them to do!

The political spitting and clawing escalated as these two top-cats squared off - with good old Guv Perry (displaying his typical leadership stance) agreeing to hold their coats during the verbal sparring.

Craddick then went public (last Thursday) with a series of statewide paid political radio ads denouncing the Senate - its members and leader - for their positions on how to reform school finance and who should pick up the tab.

Dewhurst followed up with a press blast that suggested Craddick should spend more time trying to resolve the education finance quandary, rather than wasting time on "unprecedented and misleading radio ads."

And there the matter stands today. Reminding us of the old legislative bromide: "When all is said and done - all that's done is said!"

LAWMAKERS PASS TWO BILLS ONE'S A REAL STINKER!

It's not fair to totally berate our legislators and their leaders for "do-nothingism" - even if they've failed to produce any tinge of education finance reform; no promised salary hike for teachers; and haven't even paid for this year's textbooks.

They're at bat for the third time in a row (one regular and two special sessions) and unless something dramatic has happened the past few days - they'll strike out again tomorrow.

So, why not knock them for "doing nothing" - you properly ask? Because they finally produced two bills that are resting uneasily on Governor Perry's desk.

First one was thoroughly dissected in recent columns - it's the judicial salary hike that also increases legislator's retirement pay. It passed muster in both houses (naturally) and no doubt will be signed by Perry.

THE STINKER!

The second one is a real "stinker!" It's HB5, the "telecom bill" (sponsored by our guy in the Senate - Troy Fraser) and what it does, among other disasters, is allow telephone companies to "set their own local phone rates" - without regulation or control.

How's that for some great legislative work?

The telecom bill passed the House 144-1 (five folks missing) and 25-2 (with four truants) in the Senate. The Governor has a month to decide what to do with the measure. His press office told this

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



column that "the Governor is weighing his options."

That's poli-speak and means the Guv is waiting to see how to explain to a restless public that signing anything other than educational finance reform - is proper.

He might let the measure become law without his signature (the "Cowardly Lion" method). He should, of course, veto the bill outright!

SCHOOL FUNDS APPROVED

Governor Perry signed a true "emergency" measure (without fanfare several days ago) that restored much of his vetoed school finance bill. This will allow schools to open under current financing formulas. Nothing new - just a "stop gap" measure until the courts tell lawmakers what to do!

DELISI VOTES NOTED

Representative Diane Delisi (R-Temple) voted for both the judicial pay raise and the telecom bill. We presume she'll explain these votes in her column that's regularly carried on the Salado Village Voice's op-ed page.

The Governor's press office got a little ruffled when it was suggested that HB5 "might be" a license to steal. They ask if we thought it better for the State to regulate phone rates; and didn't we think that competition over rates was the way a free enterprise system should work?

Perhaps the Guv's spokesperson forgot that after the state deregulated the cable industry - rates skyrocketed. Same true of the deregulated electric utility companies - even before the oil and gas debacle.

No reason to believe that in this instance the phone companies will lower their rates, but if they do - give us a call when your phone bill goes down, and we'll repent openly for our disbelief.

ENERGY BILL - MORE CORPORATE WELFARE

President Bush smilingly signed the new multi-billion dollar energy bill on August 8 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Plenty of hoopla but no promise of relief from the rising cost of energy. One thing did stick out like the proverbial sore thumb was the billions headed for the petroleum industry. The petro-gang can use this corporate welfare windfall for all sorts of things - perhaps even building "needed" new refineries.

All this should stick in our collective craws - since the oil companies have banked billions of excess profits during the past months as the price of gasoline exploded.

It's more than obvious that some of these profits should be invested in new refineries - which in turn would provide more profit for the companies. And that's how our economic system is supposed to operate. Congress even agreed to waive some environmental rules that bother oil companies when they "think about" new refineries.

Giant oil companies apparently want taxpayers to send them huge welfare checks to pay for refineries, and then reap the profits once the plants are operational. That way they've got it made on both ends - no investments, but plenty of profits.

Wonder what an economic system like that would be called?

That's -30-

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The day the death tax died

BY JACK FARIS

September 6. If you're an American small-business owner, draw a red circle around this date on your calendar. It could be one of the most important dates of your life, the lives of your family and the future existence of your business.

In less than 30 days, on September 6, the United States Senate will reconvene in legislative session and is scheduled to take action on the Death Tax. Which means that between now and then, those elected lawmakers who can determine the survival of small businesses are not in Washington, D.C., but are back home in their states. Small-business owners need to take this unique opportunity to meet with their senators face-to-face to tell them to vote to repeal one of the most dangerous tax measures ever to see the light of day - the Death Tax.

Known by some as the estate tax, the Death Tax can literally mean the death of a family business. These enterprises are particularly vulnerable to the unfair tax because those who create small business in their estate. If the owner dies, the heirs, who in a majority of cases have also contributed much of their time, energy and other resources to the building of the family business, are forced to stand back while the federal government rakes off between 45 percent and 55 percent of the estate. Even as the family mourns the death of a loved one, the pain grows greater as they watch helplessly as the survivability of the business he or she built is threatened.

The Death Tax does benefit some - mainly the accountants, lawyers or financial planners that small-business owners have to hire for help in translating confusing and complex tax regulations,

instead of using those funds to expand and strengthen their business and hire more employees.

Congress almost killed the Death Tax once, but didn't quite put small-business owners out of their misery. It expires in 2010. But unless permanently repealed, this monstrous measure is scheduled to revive itself and come back in 2011 to haunt those who drive the nation's economy and worse, hang around to hover like the Grim Reaper over future generations of owners, their heirs and employees.

The House of Representatives, in April, voted to end the tax forever. President Bush has said he supports permanent repeal. Now it's up to the Senate, where S. 420, officially titled the Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2005, is awaiting action. It already has 21 co-sponsors, so the task for small-business owners before September 6 is to talk to senators who have not yet committed to repeal and tell them why it is vital that they vote to kill the Death Tax.

Chasing after a senator might mean postponing by making repeal of this small-business-destroying tax a priority. American entrepreneurs will give their families something much more important and lasting. And when their hard work pays off, they can look forward to celebrating a true small-business holiday in September, the Day the Death Tax Died.

Jack Faris is the president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at www.NFIB.org.

Family Relief Fund helps 160 Salado children with back to school

Dear Editor,

Once again the residents of the Village of Salado generously provided money for Salado Family Relief Back-to-School clothing project. This year more than 160 children

received vouchers for new clothes. Thanks to you, these students will have a very good start to the school year.

With Gratitude:
Steven & Mary Catherine Ervin

FORUM



Social Security's second career

By Ed Feulner

If Social Security were a worker instead of a government program, it probably would have retired several years ago. After all, the New Deal program turns 70 on Aug. 15.

While no one wants to send Social Security off into the twilight, this is the perfect time to add to its responsibilities. It has been enormously successful as a retirement program. Now it's time to improve it by also making it a way to allow every worker to create safe and secure nest eggs for their retirement, and pass on what they don't use to the next generation.

Some history is in order.

When Social Security was created in 1935, the retirement age was set above the average male life expectancy. It was designed so the average man would never collect any Social Security benefits, which were intended only to help those who "outlived" their savings. Luckily, that's changed. People live longer, and future generations can expect to do even better.

But that means ever more retirees depending on ever fewer workers. There were 42 workers for each retiree in 1945. Today there are only 3.3. And by 2025, the ratio will drop to about two workers per retiree.

Unless we fix Social Security, we'll eventually have to require each married couple to support the benefits of one retiree while still paying their own household expenses. The only way to do that would be to raise taxes on that couple, slash benefits for that retiree, or both.

But there's a better way: Create personal retirement accounts for workers. These voluntary accounts (no one should be forced to invest in something, even if it will provide long term benefits) would allow each employee to invest a certain percentage of his/her Social Security taxes in a personal account.

Heritage Foundation research shows these accounts would start helping workers save right away - which is why it's critical to get them up and running as soon as possible. For example, a married couple in their early thirties with each spouse making between \$50,000 and \$55,000 loses \$608 every month that the president's plan is not implemented. That's more than \$7,000 a year. Real money that would have been available to the couple when they retired, if they'd been able to invest in a PRA.

PRAs would allow even low-income earners to build up a substantial nest egg over time. And the workers would actually own their nest eggs. They could spend it as they wish, using it all to finance their golden years or conserving some to pass on to their heirs.

They would also correct one of the biggest problems with today's Social Security - the fact that it's a bad deal for those who die young.

Since today's Social Security provides only a guaranteed benefit with no possibility of ownership, it's possible for a worker to pay Social Security taxes (FICA on your paycheck stub) for decades, die suddenly before retirement and receive nothing more than a one-time \$255 death benefit. With PRAs, all the money which that

worker had saved up would be passed along to his heirs to provide at least some comfort and security at a difficult time.

For the next decade, Social Security will take in more in payroll taxes than it pays out in benefits. So this is the time to use those surpluses to create PRAs for every worker. Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., and Rep. Jim McCrery, R-La., recently introduced legislation that would do just that. Their bill would set aside some \$80 billion in its first year. The money would be invested in regular-issue government bonds in accounts actually owned by workers. That's a vast improvement over the current system, under which Social Security surpluses are returned to the general fund and immediately spent on government projects like building indoor rain forests in Iowa.

Allowing workers to control some of their own Social Security taxes would have the added benefit of forcing Congress to end its shady accounting practices. Today's Social Security surplus allows lawmakers to hide tens of billions worth of borrowing. But if that surplus were invested in PRAs, Congress would have to borrow the money openly in financial markets (exposing the real cost of deficit spending) or slash spending to more reasonable levels.

Happy Birthday, Social Security. And here's to the next 70 years, with personal accounts and retirement security for all.

Ed Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation (heritage.org), a Washington-based public policy research institute.

IBM's baleful plans for the middle class



Jim Hightower

The internal memo is dated April 2005 and tagged: "IBM Confidential."

The reason for the hush-hush treatment is that this document is written confirmation of corporate America's intention to offshore our nation's middle-class future, shipping out the jobs in engineering and other sciences that require advanced degrees and pay top wages. IBM, the world's largest information technology corporation, has become the leading practitioner of shopping the globe for the cheapest high-tech workers, knocking down the wage floor to the lowest common denominator.

Because of the wrenching economic, social, and political impacts this will have on U.S. society, IBM has not wanted to concede publicly that undermining middle-class opportunities is a corporate goal. This leaked memo, however, confirms that while the top honchos are cutting 13,000 of these high-tech jobs in America and Europe this year, it will add 14,000 in the low-wage tech centers of India.

Experienced software programmers in our country earn maybe \$75,000 a year, creating a sound middle-class base for our economy and communities. But the hell with such democratic notions of the Common Good, say the profiteers - we can replace American programmers with ones from India who'll do the work for \$15,000 a year.

That's \$60,000 per job, per year, that the corporate and investor elites can take out of the middle class and put in their own pockets.

Adding insult to injury, a top IBM executive says that the corporate rush to India is not merely a chase for the cheapest workers, but "It's mostly about skills." He then proceeds to lecture America's high-tech workers: "You are no longer competing just with the guy down the street, but also with people around the world."

And there you have a sparkling clear statement of what corporate America thinks of you and has in store for you. How do they think they'll hold a society together when they knock down all of our wages to \$15,000 a year?

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Smart financial moves for parents

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



If you are a new parent, you're probably enjoying one of the happiest times of your life. And you'll find it's easy to get absorbed in the day-to-day activities of your child. Yet, with the addition of a child, your family has a whole new set of financial needs - so you'll want to plan and prepare for them.

Here are a few ideas to consider:

- Draw up a simple will - By drawing up a simple will, you can designate, within limits, how you want your assets distributed, and you can identify a guardian for your child, should anything happen to you and your spouse. If you die without a will ("intestate"), the courts may have to make all sorts of decisions regarding your estate and the future of your child - and there's no guarantee that these actions will be what you would have chosen.

- Set up a trust - If you have sizable assets, you may want to set up

a family trust, which, among other advantages, gives you significant control over how you want your estate's assets distributed; for example, you can decide to leave money to your children in increments, rather than all at once, when they reach 18.

- Review your insurance coverage - As soon as you become a parent, you'll need sufficient life insurance to help provide for your child, should anything happen to you. You may want to take out enough insurance to cover both your mortgage and your child's college education. And make sure your beneficiary designations are up to date.

- Open a Section 529 college savings plan

- For the past several years, college costs have increased much faster than the general rate of inflation. If you have a newborn, who knows how much he or she will have to pay for college in 18 years? That's why you may want to open a Section 529 college savings plan. Your earnings will have an opportunity to grow tax-free, as long as the money is used to help pay for college, although the money will appear as income on the child's tax return. (Unless the laws change, this tax benefit is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2010.)

- Keep saving for your own retirement - Even if you do open a Section 529 plan or another college-savings vehicle, you'll still need

to continue saving for your own retirement. Try to "max out" on your IRA and your 401(k) or other type of employer-sponsored retirement plan. If your child has to take out a loan to go to school, he or she has many years to pay it back, but if you run short of retirement income, you won't get a second chance.

- Take advantage of tax breaks for new parents - Once you have a child, you get a dependent exemption and, depending on your income, a child tax credit. But you can get other tax advantages, too, such as potential deductions for child care expenses. See your tax advisor to make sure you're getting all the breaks you're entitled to as a parent.

Enjoy these days when you've got a new child. But at the same time, keep your eye on the future - it will be here before you know it.



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Unleash your potential

Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

Everyone dreams of buying the perfect home. And why not? You'll never find what you want if you don't first know what you want! You'll also never find your dream home if you insist on living in a dream world. In other words, don't be unrealistic or unwilling to compromise.

All homes - even newly built ones -

require some work to make them perfect for you. There are several ways to update that make a dramatic difference when you've found a home in the right location at the right price. An open mind helps you make your decision by allowing more possibilities.

You may not find all the right criteria - price, condition and location - in one single home. Compromising on any of these factors can result in a very satisfying purchase. Negotiation is a normal part of any real estate transaction, especially if you've found a great home a little further out than you planned, or a home in need of improvements that happens to be located in your perfect neighborhood.

Real estate agents well understand that communities rely on revitalization. Buyers willing to improve their property keep towns and cities thriving. Pride of ownership helps homes in these communities gain in value, and helps the owners gain in equity. That is the true potential behind creativity and compromise, so don't be afraid to explore!

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Storm claim state runner-up

The Salado Storm, pictured at left, recently finished second place in the State Texas Teenage Baseball Machine Pitch (7-8 years old) Tournament, held Aug. 1-5 in Redwater. They are, front row l-r: Ryan Flanagan, Ryan Schilling, Brett Martinka, Peyton Kyburz, Barrett Snyder, Dakota Volk and Jacob Little. Middle row, l-r: Tyler Fischer, Dalton Hankamer, Matthew Lastovica, Christian Deal, Ellis VanSickle, Jacob Quick and Kyle King. Back row, l-r: Coaches Trey Little, Ty Hankamer and James Deal.

The team was sponsored by Fairway Golf Carts, and was also sponsored at State by Salado Dairy Queen, Martinka Bros. Farms, Dental Center of Belton, The Bartlett and Salado Baseball Boards, McCoys, Joe's Plastics, Lone Star Polymers and Bay Polymer. They also held fundraisers such as a bake sale, car wash and raffle.

Booster Club Reverse Raffle August 20

The Salado Athletic Booster Club will hold its annual Reverse Raffle Aug. 20 in the Salado Intermediate School.

Reserved tickets to the Booster Club's Third Annual Reverse Raffle are now available for \$150 each.

The ticket will admit four people for dinner prior to the Aug. 20 Reverse Raffle. Dinner will be 5-6 p.m. with the Reverse Raffle beginning at 6 p.m.

Only 200 tickets will be sold for the Grand Prize, a \$10,000 shopping spree at Home Depot in Killeen.

The last name drawn will win the prize.

Even if your name is drawn first (or second or 123rd), you can get a second chance at the drawing. Ticket holders can purchase a \$50 Second Chance Mulligan (prior to the start of the drawing at 6 p.m.).

To purchase your ticket to the Reverse Raffle or for information about joining and supporting the Salado Athletic Booster Club, call 2005-06 President Ronnie Heller at 947-9090 or 2004-05 President Jerry Smith at 947-1093.

Volleyballers open season with win

The Salado Lady Eagles volleyball team, under new coach Bree Holz, began their season on a good note by defeating Harker Heights Aug. 9 in five hard-fought games, winning the match 17-25, 25-20, 14-25, 25-18 and 15-12.

Following the victory, the girls participated in the Cameron Tournament Aug. 11-13, coming away with one win and two losses. Opening the tourney versus Rogers, Salado lost in three: 25-16, 28-30 and 17-25. They then rebounded to defeat Granger in three, by a score of 25-14, 17-25 and 25-17. The Lady Eagles closed out tourney play with a loss to Troy, dropping two consecutive games, 19-25 and 27-29.

The Lady Eagles will host Holland Aug. 19, with games beginning at 5 p.m.

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Legends gives scholarships
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The last performance of *Salado Legends* for the 2005 season was on Aug. 6. A total of \$7,600 in scholarships to *Salado Legends* participants was announced at intermission.

This year's scholarship recipients and scholarship donors are as follows:

Brandon Baca, \$1,500, Dave and Susan Humiston.	Sarah Sanderford, \$500, Shirley Cornett Memorial.	Charles Clark, \$500, Benett Borden Memorial.	Hillary Mighell, \$500, Shirley Cornett Memorial.	Jack Lucas, \$500, <i>Salado Legends</i> Program Ads.	Jessica Lynch, \$500, Bo's Barn and The Baines House.	Jessie Holley, \$500, Jeffery McClure and First State Bank.
Jon McHaney, \$550, Jess Bland and Denver Mills.	Cindie Allen, \$500, Billy Pipes.	Richard Combs, \$500, <i>Salado Legends</i> Program Ads.	Ashley Lummus, \$300, Kirk and Julie Michaux.	Melissa Hoernis, \$250, Stagecoach Inn/Mill Creek Golf Club.	Brigette Hamman, \$250, Howard Harvey Memorial.	Krista Lofland, \$250, Howard Harvey Memorial.
Steven Hamman, \$250, Jackie Mills.	Drew Woodruff, \$250, <i>Salado Legends</i> Program Ads.	This year's increase over last year's scholarship amount is \$2,000. Of that amount, \$1,500 is from the sale of ads in the <i>Salado Legends</i> program. The ads are from businesses in Salado, Belton and Temple.				An agreement between Temple College and Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc. allows all Tablerock Scholarship recipients who attend Temple College to receive a matching scholarship from Temple College. This agreement allows Richard Combs to receive a total of \$1,000 and Drew Woodruff to receive a total of \$500 for the fall semester. Temple College spring semester will allow Jack Lucas to receive a total of \$1,000. Brigette Hamman and Krista Lofland received totals of \$500 scholarships each.

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Daughters of Republic gather here

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas will hold its District V Workshop Aug. 19 in the Longhorn Room at the Stagecoach Inn, with the Village of Salado Chapter of the DRT serving as host.

The workshop will begin at 9 a.m. with registration and coffee, which will be followed by 9:30 a.m.-noon business session. At the conclusion of lunch at 1 p.m., an hour-long business session will be held.

A "Dutch-Treat" meal and reception will be held at the Stagecoach 7 p.m. Aug. 18.

For more information about the workshop contact Dottie Tate at 254-875-2419.

Salado ISD Budget Comparison

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	Adopted 2004-05	Proposed 2005-06
Enrollment	960	986	1,030	1,057	1,159*	1,215**
Avg. Daily Attendance	931	944	999	1,021	1,112	1,167***
Tax Rate	\$1.49	\$1.57	\$1.57	\$1.58	\$1.58	\$1.58
	\$1.321 M&O \$0.1687 I&S	\$1.38 M&O \$0.19 I&S	\$1.385 M&O \$0.185 I&S	\$1.41 M&O \$0.17 I&S	\$1.412 M&O \$0.168 I&S	\$1.422 M&O \$0.158 I&S
MAINTENANCE & OPERATION BUDGET BY FUNCTION						
Revenue						
Local	3,278,862	3,849,114	4,642,932	5,342,713	5,949,200	6,452,056
State	2,447,563	2,480,798	1,852,081	1,912,532	1,555,088	1,440,208
Federal	111,282	110,807	131,455	142,087	146,303	168,396
Loan Proceeds			98,000	105,000	122,000	135,000
Revenue Total	5,837,707	6,440,719	6,724,468	7,502,302	7,772,591	8,195,660
Expenditures						
Instruction	3,303,515	3,725,785	3,892,149	4,215,650	4,336,609	4,585,169
Instructional Resources	181,439	194,537	218,062	232,760	248,195	257,212
Curriculum, Staff Devel.	9,795	11,742	12,500	12,700	12,900	16,863
School Leadership	364,585	379,771	393,509	438,697	473,467	485,170
Guidance/Counseling	155,150	155,612	158,225	170,975	172,191	179,447
Social Services				7,000	10,800	24,247
Health Services	52,630	61,425	63,641	64,578	69,689	71,927
Student Transportation	164,850	187,300	280,651	329,674	360,804	449,218
Food Services	238,160	247,268	262,258	317,674	315,723	350,275
Co- & Extra-Curricular	231,632	259,959	292,526	338,985	408,649	442,683
General Administration	287,271	310,660	320,161	370,791	392,002	412,654
Plant M&O	651,200	665,700	652,500	784,258	740,440	777,489
Security & Monitoring	3,400	4,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Debt Service	45,544	31,900	53,700	53,700	56,000	44,000
Payments to fiscal agents	88,500	85,000	85,067	80,000	86,500	79,000
Expenditure Total	5,777,671	6,320,659	6,687,949	7,420,347	7,705,719	8,178,354
Change in M&O fund bal	60,039	120,060	36,519	81,955	66,872	17,306
DEBT SERVICE						
Revenue						
Local	405,480	511,952	593,183	606,406	665,506	670,331
State	213,421	179,015	86,942	68,841	35,247	12,211
Revenue Total	636,901	690,967	680,125	675,247	700,753	682,542
Expenditures	613,127	680,605	62,500	677,636	680,450	677,636
Change in D.S. fund bal	23,774	10,362	-2,375	-2,389	20,303	4,906
Total Revenues						
Maintenance & Op.	5,837,707	6,440,719	6,724,468	7,502,302	7,772,591	8,195,660
Debt Service	636,901	690,967	680,125	675,247	700,753	682,542
Revenue totals	6,474,608	7,131,686	7,404,593	8,177,549	8,473,344	8,878,202
Total Expenditures						
Maintenance & Op.	5,777,671	6,320,659	6,687,949	7,420,347	7,705,719	8,178,354
Debt Service	613,127	680,605	682,500	677,636	680,450	677,636
Expenditure totals	6,390,798	7,001,264	7,370,449	8,097,983	8,346,169	8,855,990
Change in fund balance	83,810	130,422	34,144	79,566	87,175	22,212

* The budget adopted for 2004-05 was based on an anticipated 5% increase in student enrollment. The actual enrollment increase to 1,159 students was closer to 10 percent. The board will adopt its final amended budget at the end of the fiscal year to reflect those changes, and others throughout the year.
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\$35,000; Communities in Schools renewal, \$8,000; additional buses, \$113,000; minivan, \$22,000; mower, \$8,000; LCD projector, \$2,000; computer rotation, \$18,000; lockers, \$5,500; parking lot striping and sealing, \$5,000; technology desks, \$8,500; storage cabinets, \$1,500.
 Some of the requests by department heads that were scuttled from the proposed budget include

the following: additional phones, \$12,000; weight room expansion, \$8,000; portable bleachers for band, \$5,000; 25 second clock, \$4,000.
 During discussion of the proposed budget Aug. 15, school trustees approved a three-percent across-the-board pay increase for 11 administrators in the district.
 In other business, school trustees discussed

the results of a survey sent in July to every registered voter in the district. Of the approximately 4,000 surveys mailed to voters, 846 were returned.
 Results for that survey can be found at www.saladovillagevoice.com. They will be published in full at a later date.
 The board is considering amending its transfer policy, directing the issue to the policy committee.

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Orchestra Rehearsal	4:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	5:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service	6:15 p.m.
		Team Kid (Age 3 - 6th grade)	6:00 p.m.
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Burlesons celebrate golden anniversary on Caribbean cruise

Edd and Ruth Burleson, of Salado, will celebrate their 50th anniversary Aug. 20.

Edd married the former Ruth Burditt on August 20, 1955 at Northwest Baptist Church in Austin. They then honeymooned in the Arkansas Ozarks.

Edd worked as a teacher, coach, and administrator in the Texas public school system for over 34 years and continues to work as the Director of Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools. Ruth has worked as a schoolteacher, secretary, and also owned a flower shop. Ruth has devoted most of her mar-

ried life to being a housewife. Edd and Ruth reside in Salado.

They have three daughters, Suzi and husband, Craig Gummelt of Hewitt; TK and husband, Steve Childress of Woodway; and Courtney and husband, Rodney Davis of Little Elm, Texas. They have seven grandchildren, Heather and Ryan Summers, Corey and Caitlynn Gummelt, and Stefanie, Austin, and Stedson Childress.

The Burlesons celebrated their Golden Anniversary on a New Year's Cruise to the Mexican Caribbean with the entire family.



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Bartons celebrate 50th Anniversary Aug. 13

Dr. John Allen Barton, Jr. and Patricia Lawshe Barton celebrated their 50th anniversary Aug. 13

with family and friends. A reception honoring the Bartons was given by their daughters at the Salado United Methodist Church. The Bartons were married Aug. 13, 1955 at the Laurel Heights Methodist Church in San Antonio.

The reception was hosted by their three daughters, Karen Barton Curtis; Dr. Beth Barton Schweiger, her husband Dr. Thomas A.J. Shweiger and their daughter Margaret; and Nancy Barton Tuck, her husband Jeffrey J. Tuck and their children, Jonathan, Emry Anne and William. Dr. Barton's sister, Ann Barton Jones, her husband Dr. Nelson W. Jones and their family also attended. Ann Jones was an attendant at the wedding ceremony in 1955. Other members of the house party at the wedding also attended.

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The event will open with singing of old familiar hymns followed by a brief welcome and presentation about the building project.

Refreshments will be

served and the community will have an opportunity to tour the facilities.

Children can enjoy the new playground Pastor Grady Brittain said. "Though we are still in the process of moving the historic sanctuary and portable buildings (for the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and for more Sunday School space) and though our grounds, sidewalks and guttering are being

completed. We wanted so much to invite our friends to see our new place.

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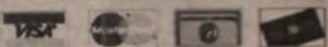
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Salado Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 29, 2005 in the Salado Civic Center, Salado Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue per Student	State Revenue per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.4120	\$ 0.1680	\$ 1.5800	\$ 5,579	\$ 1,150
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Services	\$ 1.6589	\$ 0.1769	\$ 1.8359	\$ 5,901	\$ 763
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.4220	\$ 0.1580	\$ 1.5800	\$ 5,619	\$ 761

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 162,337	\$ 168,674
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 146,255	\$ 152,920
Last Year's Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.5800	\$ 1.5800
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 2,310.83	\$ 2,416.14
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 105.31

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.8843. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.8843.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,268,077
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

Sales tax rebates up 7 percent for Aug.

Village of Salado received its monthly sales tax rebate check of \$32,572.59 -- seven percent more than last year's August payment of \$30,433.50, but still trailing the increase in sales tax at the state and county levels.

For the calendar year, Salado has received \$217,196.07 for the one percent sales tax that it levies, representing \$21.7 million in taxable sales. This is also seven percent more than payments of \$203,370.43 made through August 2004.

Salado Public Library District, a special purpose district that collects a half-percent sales tax, received \$20,651.64 in August, which is seven percent more than the \$19,313.19 received last year. For the year, the Library District is eight percent ahead of 2004, having received \$137,202.66 thus far, compared to \$126,884.64 through August 2004.

The Village of Salado levies a one-percent sales tax within the approximately two square miles of its boundaries, while the Salado Public Library District levies a half-percent sales tax within its boundaries, which are the same as the Salado I.S.D. and are about 100 square miles.

The increase in sales tax revenue for both the Village and the Library District is less than the increases in sales tax revenues to the county and the state.

County for August were \$1.2 million, about 11 percent more than the previous year. For the year, the state has paid Bell County \$7.7 million in sales tax rebates, which is 13 percent higher than payments received through August 2004.

Several cities within Bell County are also seeing double-digit increases in their sales tax revenues. Killeen, for example, received \$1.7 million this month for the 1.5 percent sales tax it levies. This payment was 18 percent higher than last August. For the year, Killeen has received \$11.3 million, which is almost 13 percent more than paid through August in 2004.

Belton had a remarkable increase in its sales tax revenues in August, up 33 percent to \$261,352.99 for the 1.5 percent tax it levies. For the year, Belton is 21 percent ahead of 2004 with \$1.5 million received thus far. The Super Walmart in Belton opened earlier this year and may explain some of the drastic increase.

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said the state collected \$1.45 billion in sales tax revenue in July, and she sent local governments \$466 million.

August allocations to local governments represent sales taxes collected in June by businesses that report sales taxes monthly, and sales taxes collected in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

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Village Pharmacy celebrates 10th anniversary

It didn't take long for Stan Drake to realize that city life wasn't for him. Having grown up in Georgetown in the late 70s and early 80s, Drake stayed close to home after high school, graduating from the University of Texas' School of Pharmacy in 1989. Fresh from college, he then took a job in the Metroplex working with a large pharmacy.

Similar to others from small town backgrounds, Drake says he found the rush and confinement of the city grating after a time. And with a young family, the desire to leave for some place less hectic was steadily growing.

Oftentimes, Stan and his wife Leigh would venture out of the Metroplex to visit Stan's parents, who still lived in Georgetown. Through that commute, they became better acquainted with Salado, and an idea began to form.

"After working for other people for awhile, I decided I wanted to look for something else. And I was just fed up with living in the big city. I didn't want my kids to think that Garland was their home," he said.

So the Drakes made a decision, opting to go into



Leigh and Stan Drake

business for themselves in Salado.

That was 10 years ago this August, and the Village Pharmacy is not only still here, but it's still going strong. In fact, about a year ago the Drakes completed additions at their Salado Plaza location that doubled the space of the pharmacy.

From the start, Drake explained that he had an idea of what sort of pharmacy he wanted to operate. "I look at myself as a community pharmacist," he said. "We pick up a lot of ancillary services

through the pharmacy, like dry cleaning and other specialty things. We've really made an effort to tailor our business to the needs of the community."

Which to Drake also means developing relationships with customers. That is, in fact, one of the appealing points of having a small-town Pharmacy, Drake said. Moving beyond the typical professional courtesies to know not only people's names, but also their families, is just part of the job as he sees it.

And that trickles down

to the staff, as well. Ten years ago, the pharmacy had one employee whose last name wasn't Drake. Now they have four, with the most recent joining the staff over two years ago. "When you don't have turnover, you have people who remember names and needs and really get to know the customers, also," Drake said.

In addition, the Village Pharmacy continues to offer home prescription delivery to those who can't get out, and emergency services are available, as well. "If someone calls me at my house, and they have a real emergency, then I'll be there," Drake said.

And with the youngest of the four Drake children at just six years old, Stan says he plans on the pharmacy being part of the community for many years to come. "I consider Salado my hometown," said Drake. "I'm proud to live here, have a business here and raise my kids here."

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What's happening around

AUGUST 18

Salado Public Library founder, Robert McConnell, will present his book "The History of the Salado Public Library, 1985-2005" 7 p.m. at the library. A short talk by Dr. McConnell on living and writing the history of the library

will follow the 7 p.m. reception. Refreshments will follow. The public is welcome.

AUGUST 19-21

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "The Salado Springs Truth Tonic and Elixir Medicine Show," an original melodrama by Gary Askins. Show times: 7:

30 p.m. Aug. 19 and 20; 2 p.m. Aug. 20 and 21. Info: 947-3456 or visit www.saladosilverspur.com.

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 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 25

PALS juried art show and wine and cheese reception, 6-8 p.m. at the home of Joe and Gwen Morrison, 1201 Rose Lane. Show will feature works by the Salado Village Artists. Open and free to the public. Info: Salado

Civic Center, 947-8300.
AUGUST 25

Salado Area Republican Women meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Mill Creek Restaurant. Two speakers on literacy. Info: 947-3617.

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 3

Music in Salado presents, "Music With an Italian Flavor," 7 p.m. at the home of Allen and Rita Rice, 717 DeGrummund Way. Reservations by Aug. 29 to: Music in Salado, TX Inc., P.O. Box 1235, Salado, 76571. Cost: \$28 per person.

SEPTEMBER 8

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 11 a.m. at Stagecoach Inn. Program will feature "Early Childhood Memories" with native Saladoans Patsy Sanford, Weeta Evans, Prudie Capps and Sydney Boren. Lunch will follow program.

Reservations with check for \$13 should be mailed to Ladies Auxiliary, P.O. Box 161, Salado, 76571, by Sep. 2. Info: Carolyn Milliser, 947-0899.

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 20

Teacup Tuesday meeting, History of Salado presented by Pat Barton, 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Salado. Sponsored by the FBC Women's Ministry.

SEPTEMBER 22

Salado Area Republican Women meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Jeff McClure Bldg. Program speaker will focus on immigration. Info: 947-3617.

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 Saladobration (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.

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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.therangerestaurant.com.

OCTOBER 4

Salado Humane Society Benefit Dinner and Auction, 6 p.m. at the Salado Mansion. \$25 per person. Bill Hall auctioneer. For tickets or more information contact Peggy at Stanford Court or Elaine at Fairway Golf Carts.

OCTOBER 6

Cooking Class at The Range: Great Salads and Soups. Info: www.therangerestaurant.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 with you to the Party. Info: www.therangerestaurant.com.

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 18

Teacup Tuesday meeting, "Addie's Letters Continue" presented by Charlene Carson and Betty Fitzhenry, 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Salado. Sponsored by the FBC Women's Ministry.

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.therangerestaurant.com.

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 27

Cooking class at The Range: Grilling on the Patio. Info: www.therang

restaurant.com.

OCTOBER 27

Salado Area Republican Women meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Mill Creek Restaurant. Program: Issues Facing the Texas Legislature. Info: 947-3617.

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.therangerestaurant.com.

NOVEMBER 4

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

NOVEMBER 6

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

NOVEMBER 10

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting at the Salado Civic Center, 9:30 a.m. fellowship followed by a 10 a.m. meeting and program. Speaker: Charles Turnbo, author and self-described history buff on "History Mysteries."

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

Teacup Tuesday meeting, Woods Florist on how to make Christmas wreaths, 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Salado.

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, benefiting the Salado Family Relief Fund, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School.

NOVEMBER 17

Salado Area Republican Women meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Mill Creek Restaurant. Program: Congressional Wrapup. Info: 947-3617.

NOVEMBER 19

Music in Salado, Texas, Inc. presents Trombone, Trumpet and Piano Trio, 7 p.m. First Baptist Church of Salado worship center.

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CALENDAR FROM PAGE 4B

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

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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 8
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary 2005 board of directors host the President's Coffe at the Halley House, honoring past presidents and newly elected officers. All current and past members, and those interested in joining, are invited to attend. Info: Carolyn Milliser, 947-0899.
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 15
Salado Area Republican Women meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Mill Creek Restaurant. A speaker from Families in Crisis will provide the program. Info: 947-3617.

DECEMBER 16
St. Stephen Catholic Church Christmas Dinner.
DECEMBER 19
Music in Salado, Texas, Inc. members only Annual Christmas Party, at the home of Barbara and John Robertson.

2006 JANUARY 6
St. Stephen Women's Society meeting, with Judy Greene presenting her monologue, "Esther, Woman of the Bible," followed by refreshments. 6:30 p.m. in the church Parish Hall.

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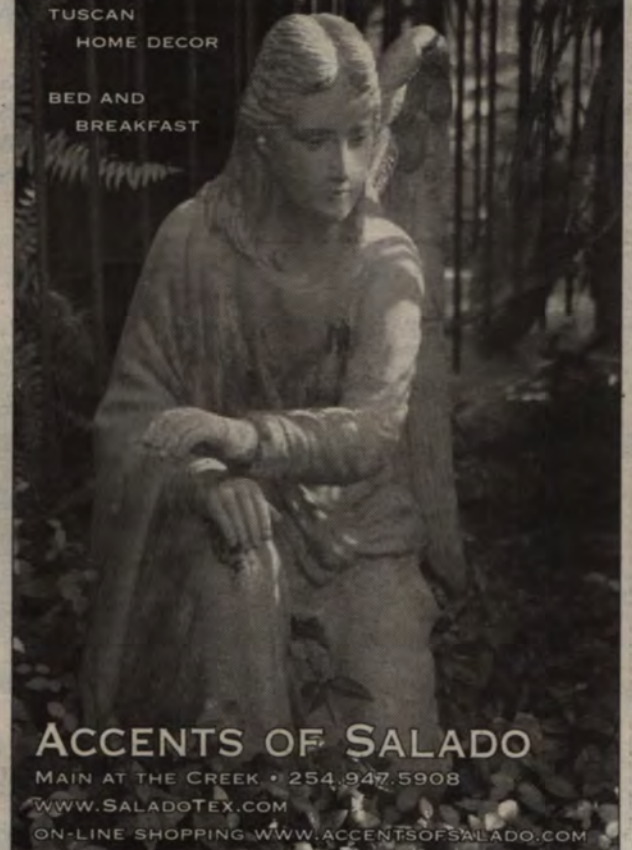
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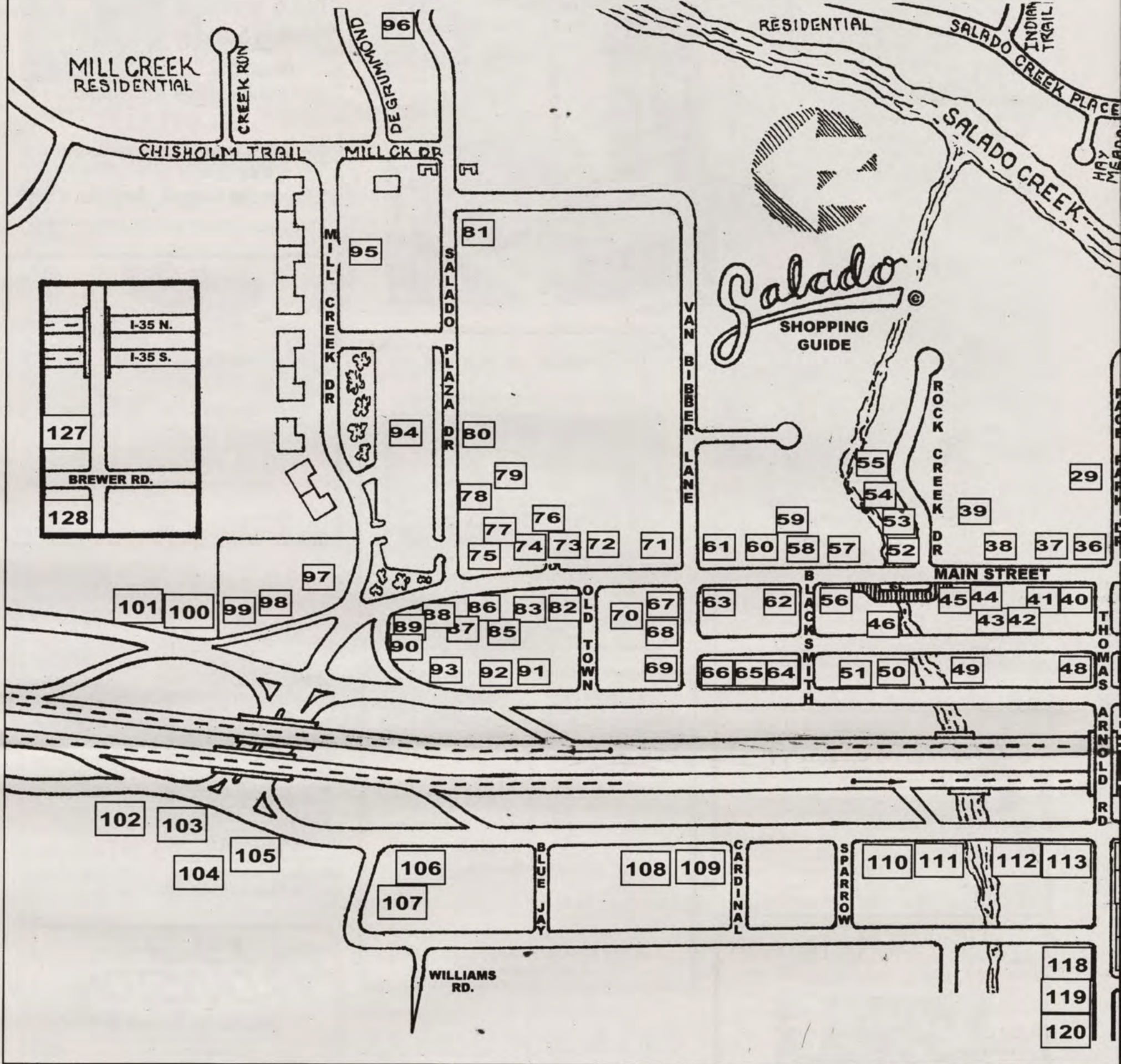


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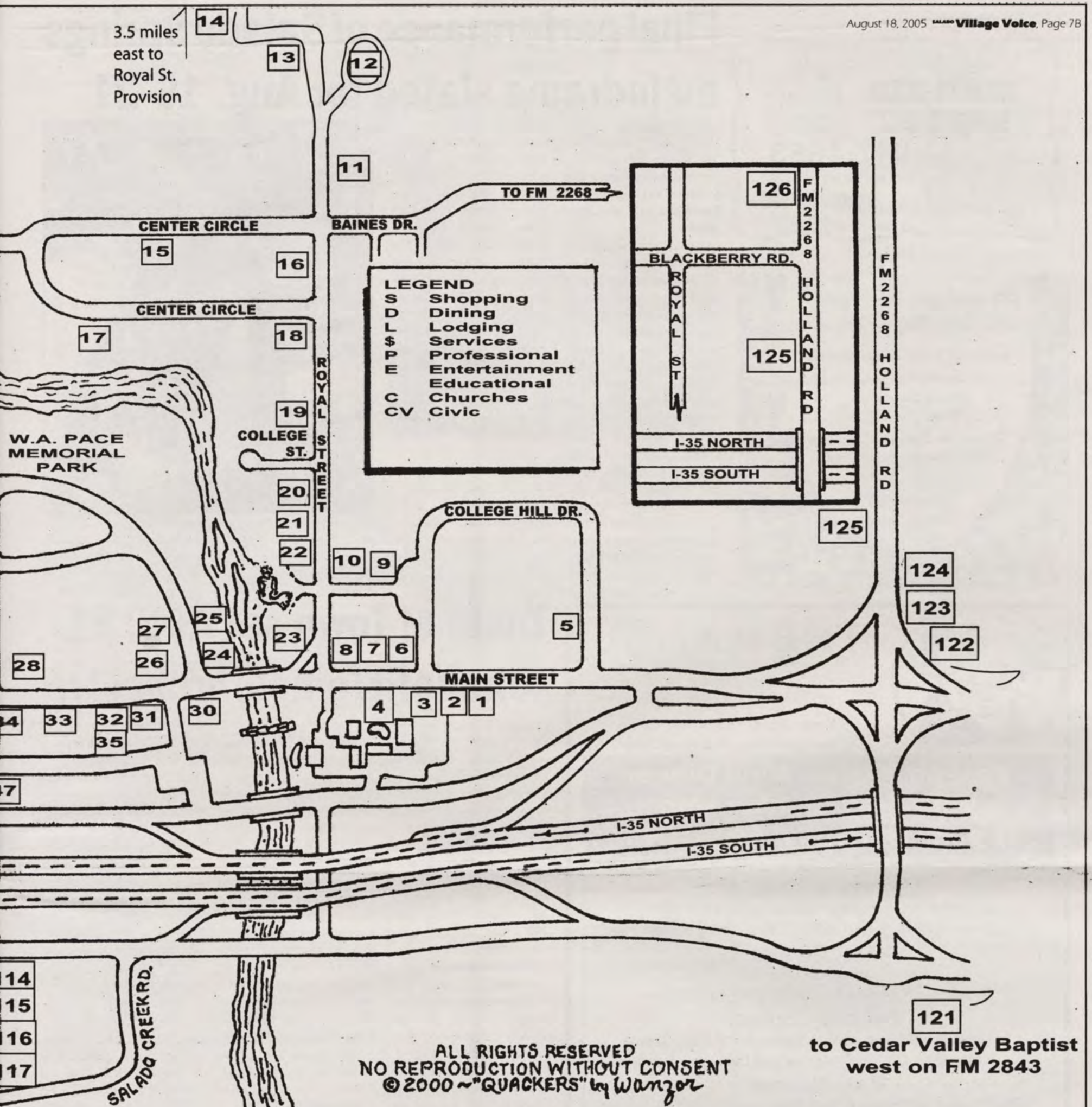
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Final performance of Salado Springs melodrama slated for Aug. 19-21

The weekend of Aug. 19-21 will be the last for the Salado Silver Spur's original melodrama "The Salado Springs Truth Tonic & Elixir Medicine Show."

Local drama teacher and performer Gary Askins wrote this show specifically for Penny and Grainger Esch resident performers of the Silver Spur Theatre. "The "Medicine Show" is the first of these hopefully annual satiric and humorous looks at life on the banks of Salado Creek, in the overly long shadows of Austin, Texas and Washington DC. The one-liners about contemporary politics and culture are woven into the story of one pure hearted teacher's quest to build a schoolhouse for the children of

Texas while fighting off the advances and schemes of the evildoers," Askins said.

The play is interspersed with a silent film chase created by local performance artists. "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," said Askins added.

The Silver Spur Melodrama will have its last performances this weekend with 7:30 p.m. performance on Aug. 19 and 20 and matinee performances at 2 p.m. Aug. 20 and 21.

Discounts are available for seniors, students, teachers and military. Call the theater box office at 947-3456 for ticket prices and seating availability.



Gary Askins and Grainger Esch.

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The event will feature a variety of entrees, appetizers and specialty desserts from 25 area restaurants and caterers; more than 100 wines; and entertainment from area professional musicians.

In addition, there will be a premium wine room located in the Howard Gallery featuring premium wines for tasting. This is the first time in the three-year history of the event to have a premium wine room.

Tickets are available in advance for \$25 at local outlets, and for \$30 at the door. Also, the \$15 additional ticket for the premium wine room will be available for purchase

at the event.

Restaurants and caterers participating in this year's Taste of the Town include Bon Appetit, Cactus Jack's, Casa Ole, Cheesecakes Etc., Cheeves Brothers Steak House, Classic Catering and Rentals, Cool Bean Coffee Shop, Duckhorn Tavern, Dynasty Chinese Restaurant, El Chico Mexican Restaurant, Fazoli's, Hilton Garden Inn Temple, H-E-B Deli and Bakery, Nami Japanese Steak and Sushi, Pignetti's, Sam's Club Deli and Bakery, Sorge's Italian Restaurant, Sweet Smells, Starbucks, Subway, and Wildflower Country Club.

Musicians and groups who are providing entertainment for the event include Temple College Faculty Duo featuring Gary Smith on trombone and Ben Iron on piano; Elision Saxophone Quar-

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Tickets are available in Temple at the CAC; Holze Music Co. at 1618 W. Ave. M; and Johnnie's Cleaners at 116 S. Main St. and 2703 S. 37th St.

Tickets are also available in Belton at Print-It, 514 N. Wall St.; in Cameron at KMIL Radio, 901 E. 1st St.; in Killeen at Holze Music Co., 2501 S. WS Young Drive No. 101; and at the Salado Civic Center; 601 N. Main St.

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- 25 In distress
- 26 Actress Shire
- 27 Individual performances
- 28 Asta's father
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- 31 Profited
- 34 NATO member
- 37 Churchill's successor
- 38 Jason Biggs film
- 41 Coasted
- 42 Fugue composer
- 46 — Bator
- 47 Grab all the goodies
- 48 Anthony Quinn role
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- 51 Crack up
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- 69 "Roots" Emmy winner
- 70 Blanc or Brooks
- 72 The Cyrkle hit
- 76 Narcs' org.
- 77 Sheepish sound
- 79 Sandra of "A Summer Place"
- 80 Neighbor of Tenn.
- 81 Tracking tool
- 83 Singer Tori
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- 85 Vote in
- 87 Dull
- 90 Time and again
- 92 It may be fake
- 94 Stringed instrument
- 96 Machu Picchu native
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- 102 Like kids at Christmas
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- 104 Hollywood award
- 108 Banister
- 109 Cheeseboard choice
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- 114 Fury
- 115 Encounter
- 116 — Lama Ding Dong ("61 tune)
- 119 Dropped the ball
- 121 "Blue Velvet" singer
- 123 Merv Griffin creation
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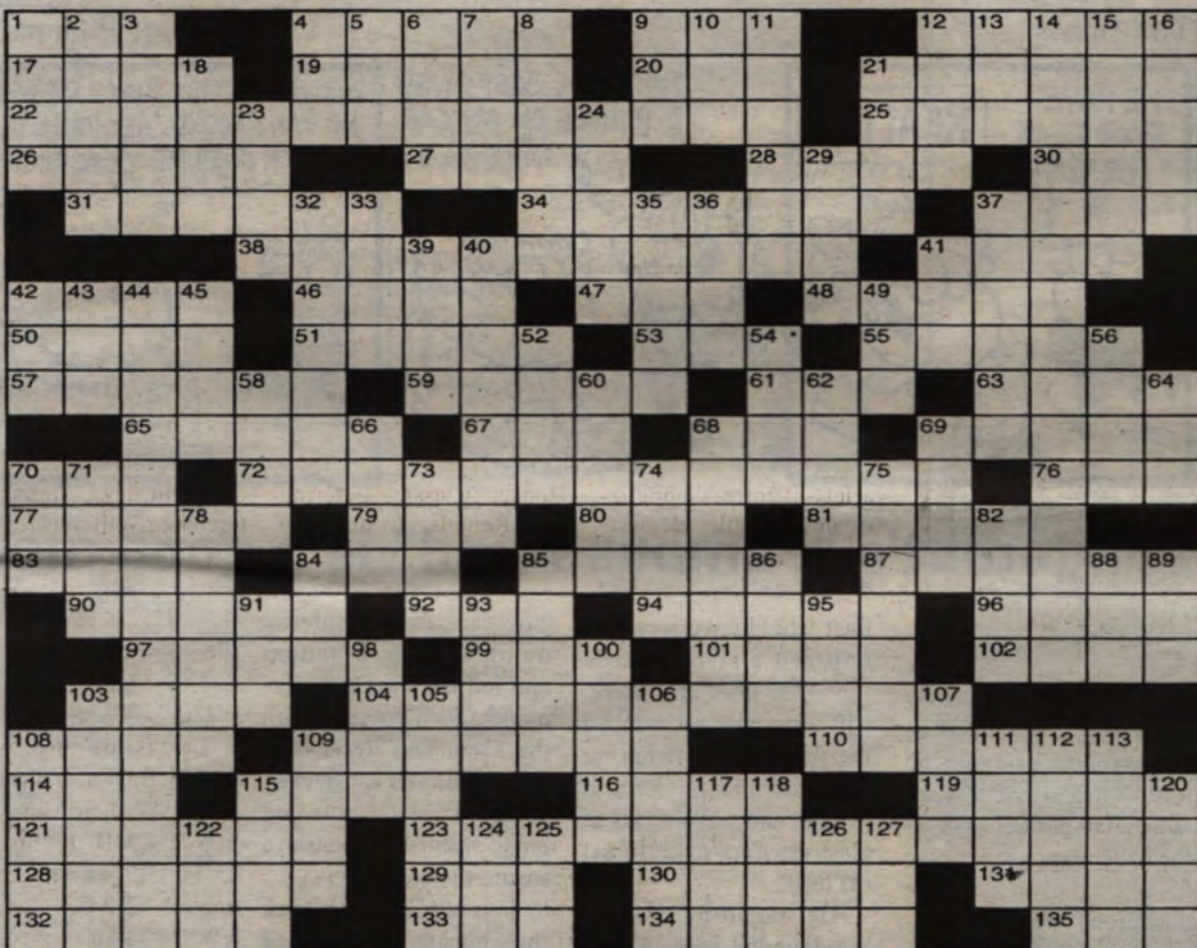
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- 14 Gary Lewis & the Playboys hit
- 15 Let
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- 23 "I could — horse!"
- 24 Biblical book
- 29 "Mockingbird" singer
- 32 Attempt to equal
- 33 Oscar — Renta
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- 37 Wades through a crowd
- 39 Julia of "Havana"

- 40 Babe in the woods
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- 45 Successor
- 49 Bizarre
- 52 Rosemary or basil
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- 56 Hook's henchman
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- 60 Plot
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- 64 Bikini part
- 66 Whirlpool
- 68 Like mountain air
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- 71 Actor Lincoln
- 73 Shorten a sail
- 74 Hgt.
- 75 '59 Ritchie Valens hit
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- 111 Fleming and Linkletter
- 112 Consequences alternative
- 113 Skater Sonja
- 115 Budge
- 117 See 69 Down
- 118 Fluffy coil
- 120 Bruce of "Coming Home"
- 122 "Whether — nobler in the mind . . ."
- 124 Medical grp.
- 125 Corn portion
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Vanderbilt's "Famous Hand" is a good move

By STEVE BECKER

Declarer frequently finds it more dangerous to have one defender on lead rather than the other. Whenever possible, therefore, he tries to arrange his play so as to avoid the dangerous opponent.

One of the outstanding examples of the principle in action is this hand played many years ago by Harold S. Vanderbilt, generally regarded as the inventor of contract bridge. It occurred, appropriately enough, in the Vanderbilt Cup team championship.

West led a diamond, and had declarer finessed, he would have very quickly gone down one.

East would have won and returned a club to settle the issue then and there. But Vanderbilt recognized the danger of attempting a diamond finesse and instead adopted a series of plays designed to keep East off lead.

He started by winning the diamond with the ace and next cashed the A-K of spades. A low trump to dummy's nine was followed by the jack of spades. When East played low, Vanderbilt discarded his diamond loser. West won with the queen and made the best return of a spade to kill dummy's ten.

East ruffed, and South overruffed with the king.

Now declarer re-entered dummy with a trump and led the queen of diamonds. East covered with the king, and Vanderbilt ruffed. (Had East ducked the queen, declarer would have discarded a club to assure the contract.)

Vanderbilt's 10th trick thus became established without his ever running the risk that East would gain the lead for a club return through the king. Dummy's last trump provided the entry to cash the jack of diamonds and dispose of a club. Eventually declarer lost two club tricks but made four hearts.

Vanderbilt's sequence of plays was highly resourceful. He was practically sure

South dealer.
 Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
 South West North East
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Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

to succeed, regardless of where the queen of spades, king of diamonds and ace of clubs were located.

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PALS juried show Aug. 25

The Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) is sponsoring a juried art show, including a wine and cheese reception 6-8 p.m. Aug. 25 at the home of Joe and Gwen Morrison, 1201 Rose Lane in Salado.

The art show will feature work by the Salado Village Artists, and in-

clude award-winning oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels and pottery.

Jurors for the show are Dr. S. "Chuck" McCarter, Temple College administrator and art faculty member at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor, Jan Scurlock, professional artist and owner of Rock

Creek Treasures, and Kay Griffith, professional artist and owner of Griffith Fine Art Gallery.

The public is invited at no charge to this PALS sponsored event. For information call Salado Civic Center, 947-8300, or Gil Wanzor, Art Show Chairman, 947-5084.



Founding Salado Village Artist member Andy Phair will be showing her work during the upcoming juried art show, sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) on Aug. 25.

Art is more than just paintings

I grew up thinking art was just paintings. I'm not sure I even gave sculpture a thought. At Baylor University I took a course in drama from Paul Baker that opened my mind to all sorts of artistic activities and challenges.

It wasn't long before I was sitting across from an old icehouse in Waco and sketching it. I designed sets. I created music. I wrote poems and short stories and plays. I made a clay sculpture. I developed a character based on human characteristics found in a soap dish and presented that character in a scene on stage. I was in several plays. I did a watercolor painting. I was in an opera. I met Frank Lloyd Wright and developed an interest in architecture. For a short while I majored in art.

Twice in the last month I've had the opportunity to visit with two young people involved in artistic activities. I asked both of them in what medium they were working. The first one said everything, "I write music, I draw pictures, I play guitar, I do photography, and I do hair and makeup. I do it all." The second one said basically the same thing. "I'm interested in all fields of art." He indicated that no artist should just work in just one discipline.

I have been to some of the world's finest museums in the U.S. and Europe. I have seen

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some of the greatest art ever produced. I guess what I really like most is the offbeat stuff, the real creative efforts in which everyday objects become works of art. When I was in Washington D.C. I came across a sculpture by Claes Oldenburg. It was a giant typewriter eraser. It was in a park near the Smithsonian.

This past weekend I went to the Chinati Foundation Art Museum in Marfa. What a surprise. The 340 acres of art and architecture comprise the

largest contemporary art museum in the world. One of Oldenburg's sculptures, Monument to the Last Horse, is on the grounds.

Contemporary artist Donald Judd discovered Marfa in the 1970s and transformed buildings into art workshops and display spaces. In doing so he attracted worldwide attention and made art the biggest industry in Marfa. Chinati's influence is beyond measure.

Donald Judd created a sculpture that is one kilometer long. It is a series

of large concrete boxes. He spent years arranging them in a field. One of his installations is in two former gun sheds on an old military base. It is called "100 untitled works in mill aluminum." Fifty-two aluminum cubes are in one building, 48 are in another. The building has been altered architecturally to show the pieces in a striking manner. Huge windows bring in the surrounding landscape.

Between buildings you walk among cottonwood and mesquite trees, yucca and greasewood. Cottontail rabbits scamper by and hawks and meadowlarks race overhead. The breeze whistles through the tall grass. Visitors to the Chinati museum are serious. The \$10 tour takes all day.



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Admission for the evening of good food and great music is \$28 per person, benefiting Music in Salado, Inc., a non-profit organization founded by Saladoans Drs. John and Kim Van Cura.

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Village of Salado Street Report for July

- July 2 Cut out intersection of Church and Van Bibber. Rented a roller & asphalt saw to do work. Put in new intersection.
- July 3 Various small pot holes all over town.
- July 10 Pot holes and edges of road on Salado Creek Road
- July 11 Pot holes and edges of road on Blacksmith & Church St.
- July 16 Pot holes on Southridge Road. Cut and Hauled off brush at Municipal Building. Patched edge on Baines St.
- July 17 Patch edge of Church Street.
- July 23 Patch edge of road on Royal St. and Mill Creek Dr.
- July 24 Patch edge of roads along Southridge, Royal, Rock Creek & Indian Trail

July 30-31 Did not work

Contract with The Village of Salado and Bell County was approved by Commissioners Court for approximately 2 miles total of resurfacing on Rock Creek, Club Circle, North Ridge, Baines, Melissa Court and 3/4 miles on Royal from Center Circle to Smith Branch. Bell County will resurface these streets in October, after aforementioned street's pot holes and edges are completely repaired by weekend workers. Report submitted by Alderman Jackie Mills

Military officers meet

The Central Texas Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) will meet 11 a.m. Aug. 19 in the Central Texas College Restaurant, located in the Student Center. A no-host luncheon can be purchased at 11:30 a.m. for all MOAA members and guests. The MOAA program will begin at noon. Col. Don Melton will speak about CERT, a community emergency relief program. Salado also has its own CERT team.

JP#2 report for July

Judge Don Engleking, Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2, reported that during July the court had an increase of approximately 60 criminal cases over the month of June. Most of the increased is based on the number of citations being filed by DPS Troopers on the east side of Bell County. This increase also includes approximately 12 citations or arrests made during the Holland Corn Fest.

The following activity was reported in June:

There were 298 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 185 cases disposed of during the month as well.

The total amount of revenue collected during the month was \$27,989. This included fines, criminal and civil court cost and filing fees.

Camp Fire plans Aug. 21 meeting at elementary

Camp Fire USA Tejas Council, a nonprofit development organization for boys and girls grades kindergarten through high school, will conduct an informational/recruitment meeting 7 p.m. Aug. 22 at the Thomas Arnold Elementary School Cafeteria. A slideshow of the varied activities of the club program for youth will be shown.

Adult volunteers serve as mentors/leaders for a club of youth that meets regularly to participate in group learning skills, self-esteem building activities, community service projects, arts and crafts, field trips, and camping. The adult volunteers follow a nationally developed curriculum with the youth

earning awards after completion of projects. Participating in a Camp Fire club helps youth develop leadership skills, teamwork skills, self-confidence, self-reponsibility, respect for diversity, an appreciation for the environment, and a concern for their community.

Camp Fire USA also serves youth in Bell and Coryell county through self-reliance programs, after-school programs, and an Absolutely Incredible Kid program. The Tejas Council also operates two summer camps in Bell County.

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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, tables, bookcases and the breakfront pictured here. The entire collection can be seen at saladosawmill.com/generalstore.html.

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Oak trees surround this lovely Salado home! Large family room with fireplace and vaulted ceiling. Formal dining room with bay window. Enclosed sunporch opens to fenced backyard with large storage building. 3 BR/2BA. \$139,900.



Great country views of Taylor's Valley! Wonderful home is on 3/4-acre lot, fenced and on a cul-de-sac. Separate formal dining and breakfast nook. City of Temple with Academy schools. 3 BR/2-1/2BA, \$183,500.



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\$155,800: A great price for a home with granite countertops and tile floors. This home shows beautifully. Entertain in the shade on the back deck with an arbor. Light and bright with formal dining room.



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\$92,800: Walk to Memorial Park with the kids from this well-maintained home in Jarrell. Pergo floors have just been put in in the living room. Split BRs, open family/dining room. Ceiling fans in all bedrooms. Nice flower beds.



\$74,900: Great rental property in Holland. Home includes fresh paint & replaced carpet. Converted garage can be a 4th BR, second living area or a study.

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- 33.18 acres at the edge of Bartlett. Easy access. Could be developed into subdivision or other use.
- 65 acs. on Hill Rd. and I-35, all or part
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Lots & Home Sites

Mill Creek Lots

- Fletcher Ct. - \$64,000 • O.W. Lowery - \$70,000
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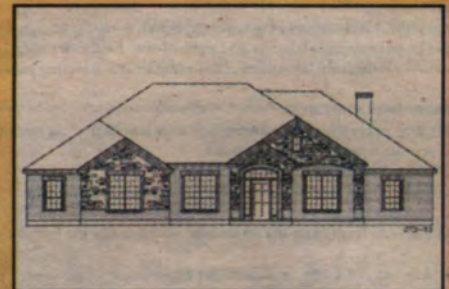
- Windy Hill Ranch: 2 acre lots - \$35,000-\$45,000.
- Heritage: 1 to 3 acre wooded, near Salado. Restricted.
- Hidden Springs: Lot 2, Lot 31, Lot 116, Lot 194.
- Denman's Loop: Lot 8, B 19, Sec, 2, \$18,000.

Commercial Property

- \$429,000: 5.66 acres commercial property off Main Street Salado.
- \$199,500: 1.51 acres currently used as golf club shop. Many possibilities.
- \$85,000: Great location for a Salado business, on 0.925 ac. on Center Circle.



\$279,500: Great curb appeal in this Texas Limestone ranch home. Large front and back porches. Many extras including granite counter tops, all tiled bathrooms, kitchen and utility, and clawfoot tub in master bath.



\$259,900: Open kitchen, breakfast, & living room. Separate formal living & formal dining are great for entertaining. 3BR, 2 BA, utility room, large covered back porch, beautiful entry into the front foyer. Master suite has a separate shower & tub. Located across the street from Mill Creek Golf Course.



\$149,900: Neat, immaculate, clean & what a view from the deck above the carport. Quiet cul-de-sac in Live Oak Estates with room for horses. Two oversized BRs upstairs that could easily be divided into more BRs.



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