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Empty Bowl set Nov. 19

The Empty Bowl Project and Pots O' Plenty Show and Sale will be held 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Salado Intermediate School. The Empty Bowl Project raises funds for the Salado Family Relief Fund, a non-profit organization.

Volunteers will serve soup prepared and donated by Salado's restaurants, bed and breakfast inns and cafes. The soups range from hardy to gourmet, a taste of Salado's flavorful array.

Served in handmade pottery bowls, the soup lunch is \$12 per person. "When you have finished the soup, the bowl is yours to take home and fill with your own creations," said Titia Arledge, who is owner of Mud Pies Pottery and spear-heading the event.

Many of the bowls

made by locals during the year become part of the Silent Auction, sponsored this year by the Salado United Methodist Church.

The Silent Auction and Celebrity Bowl Auction will be open 10 a.m.-1 p.m., so bidders will want to make sure they get the final word. Celebrity bowls have been donated by country music stars Tracy Bird and John Michael Montgomery.

Some of this year's silent auction items include a wine and cheese basket, men's and ladies watches, a dessert a month for a year, a lamp, a night at the Timbers Bed and Breakfast, a basket from the Salado Gourmet and three hours of yard work/household chores. The Circle of Grace class will perform the work, and will match an auction bid up to \$200.

In addition, several professional potters have donated works to the silent auction, including Ron Boling Pottery, Pegasus Pottery, Bear Essentials, Chocildakis Originals, Cindy the Potter, Dennie Bloxom, Alan Miner and Thomas May. For the second year the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) Pots O' Plenty Potter's Show and Demonstrations. Potters from the Central Texas area will show their clay creations and have demonstrations over the course of the day.

Empty Bowl Project raises funds for the Salado Family Relief Fund at a time when it is most needed. The largest project for the Relief Fund is its annual Christmas drive. The Relief Fund helps provide Christmas to more than 100 children in Salado each year.



The 44th Annual Gathering of the Clans was held on perhaps the warmest November weekend in history (or memory at the very least) Nov. 11-13. Shown above are scenes from the festive weekend, which includes the parade, dancing contests, athletic contests and piping contests. The event was held on the grounds of the Robertson Ranch to benefit the Central Texas Area Museum. (PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Where are all the cowboys?

Wildfire Ranch, of course

If you have noticed all the cowboys and cowgirls around Salado in the past month or so, there's a reason. It is due to Wildfire Ranch starting up its season.

Pictured here is George Strait and Kim Miller, Office Manager for Wildfire Ranch and Trailer Sales. George Strait and son, Bubba were among the 1,500 contestants who competed last weekend in the team roping at Wildfire Ranch.

Strait took time out to come to Salado Nov. 11 and rope, and said he had to fly to New York City on Nov. 14 for the Country Music Association award show, where he was nominated in three categories; song of the year, male vocalist and musical event of the year.

Salado's Wildfire Ranch has become one of



Kim Miller and George Strait during the recent roping at Wildfire Ranch Arena.

the largest and most successful Equine Facilities in the country, putting on a variety of events including rodeos, barrel races and team ropings. All are open to the public and admission is always free.

The premier event of the year will be Feb. 4, 2006: the Wildfire Open to the World team roping.

The Open to the World brings the top men and women from all over the country to compete for one of the largest payouts in the industry.

So, if you like roping or just like ropers, put on your hat and boots and come out and see the best compete at Wildfire Ranch.

Christmas season kicks into gear with Dec. 1 Parade

The Christmas season will kick into gear in Salado with the Dec. 1 Christmas Parade, marking the beginning of the Annual Christmas Stroll. The Christmas Stroll will run the first two weekends of December, Dec. 2-4 and 9-11.

Christmas Parade festivities begin 5 p.m. Dec. 1. The parade will pass quaint shops and historic restaurants all decked out in holiday splendor. Hulda Horton will serve as this year's Parade Grand Marshal. Also, Santa Claus himself will enjoy a special place in the parade, and will be the center of attraction at

the Civic Center, listening to children's Christmas wishes following the parade and Christmas tree lighting. The evening will wrap up with a free performance by the Salado Community Chorus.

While the Christmas spirit is alive in Salado during the holidays, it is best experienced in the evening, when the village lights come on. For your convenience of strollers, late-night shopping will be offered Dec. 2-4 and 9-11. Minstrels will be strolling up and down Salado's open-air market, while folks in period dress will be strolling, as well.

In addition, on Dec. 2-4

the Salado Annual Tour of Homes, sponsored by the Salado Historical Society, will be held, featuring six private residences in Salado. Also on the tour will be the City Garage, Silver Spur Theater, and two historic log cabins. There will even be a live nativity scene Dec. 2 and 3.

At Tablerock, Charles Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol" will be presented at during the weekends of the Stroll, and the Silver Spur will present its "Holiday Hootenanny".

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Campus Tours

Campus tours will be conducted of all Salado I.S.D. campuses on several dates. The tours will last about two hours and are open to the public.

Dates and start times are 8 a.m. on Nov. 22, 29, 30, and Dec. 7.

The tours will begin at Thomas Arnold Elementary, before moving on to Salado Intermediate School and Salado High School.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



The cult of Fitzgerald

Who knew that a special prosecutor working to nail high government officials on perjury and obstruction-of-justice charges would become a media and Democratic hero? It's not the 1990s anymore.

CIA leak prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald is celebrated by the press and Bush haters everywhere. He is hailed for his no-nonsense style, his down-to-earth Brooklyn accent, his probity, his zealotry upholding the rule of law, and his willingness to hunt down lies no matter how high it takes him in the Washington food chain. "All my friends want to date him," a young liberal woman tells me.

But the very qualities that are so endearing about a special prosecutor circa 2005 would have been damnable circa 1995. It goes to show that when you're a special prosecutor, the quality of your work is not as important as the decade you do it in. Had Fitzgerald suffered the misfortune of being asked to investigate any of the Bill Clinton scandals, he would likely have emerged bruised and battered, with a reputation as an out-of-control fanatic.

Fitzgerald has a black-and-white view of the world. So did Clinton-era independent counsel Ken Starr. Fitzgerald is, by all counts, personally upright. So is Starr. Fitzgerald takes lying under oath seriously. So did Starr. Fitzgerald is willing to pursue perjury allegations even when there is not an underlying crime. So was Starr. The difference is that Starr was arrayed against a White House that declared war on him, his staff and his investigation.

In contrast to Fitzgerald, Starr's uprightness was used against him, to prove that he was a hopeless stiff. That he tried to engage in standard prosecutorial methods -- like flipping low-level witnesses against their superiors, a favored Fitzgerald tactic that liberals hope he is attempting in this case -- was taken

Rich Lowry



as evidence of his extremism. He was accused of being "obsessed with sex," when he had no say in whether Clinton decided to have sex with an intern and lie about it.

President Bush has inflicted no indignities on Fitzgerald, whose investigation he has in fact called "dignified." The administration actively eased the prosecutor's work by having top officials sign waivers of their confidentiality agreements with reporters. As *National Review* reporter Byron York has pointed out, far from assisting Starr, Clinton officials entered into joint-defense agreements, a maneuver often used by defendants in mob cases.

Of course, the politics of scandal in Washington is a movable feast of hypocrisy, shifting every decade depending on which party controls the executive branch. But it is especially unseemly to see the same people who pooh-poohed President Clinton's repeated perjuries in 1998 suddenly worked up by a few alleged lies under oath by a vice president's chief of staff. What happened to getting on with the business of the country?

With the exception of a feint by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, which she immediately regretted, and a few other wobbles, at least conservatives haven't contradicted their core contention from the 1990s that lying under oath is a serious crime. In this, they finally have some company from liberals, who also have a strange, newfound affection for relentlessly truth-seeking prosecutors.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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GOP's 2006 congressional and state reelection hopes flickering as Bush numbers tumble; Amendment vote huge

Hard to believe it was just a year ago last week that George Bush was reelected for a second term, with 286 electoral votes (15 more than in 2000) and no Florida flim-flam or courthouse interference. Bush topped Kerry by 3.5 million votes (out of 114.5 million cast) and called it a "mandate," which was a tad overblown.

Bush may have been thinking about his 2000 showing, when he lost the popular vote by 300,000 tallies and slipped into the White House with four electoral votes to spare (after keeping the nation waiting 19 days before the chad-court frustration was finalized), in which case the 2004 reelection victory - by comparison - verged on a "landslide."

Histrionics aside, the second term (four days after inauguration) held a rare press conference and happily announced he was taking advantage of the "mandate" by spending some of his victory "capital" by partially privatizing social security, and other schemes.

ONE YEAR LATER

What happened between that "joyful" time for the exultant George II, and what has to be termed "cheerless dejection" surrounding the White House today, will be determined objectively by future chroniclers of government textbooks.

Currently, followers of the machiavelian machinations of day-to-day politics, have observed over the past 12 months, presidential approval ratings drop below the 40 percent level, and just a few days ago rigorous supporters of Bush were shocked when a *Washington Post-ABC News* poll showed that 58 percent of respondents doubted the president's "honesty and integrity."

This comes on the heels of other polls indicating the Bush "trust" factor had dropped 13 points and was nearing his declining approval numbers.

Trust, integrity and honesty are essential "capital-assets" and keystones to a president's ability to lead both domestically and abroad.

Reasons put forward for Bush's deteriorating approval numbers, by neutral observers both in and out of government, include lack of legislative success; an unpopular war; slow moving federal performance during and after Hurricane Katrina; indictment of a key member of the administration; questions about the future of Bush's most trusted assistant; and unfettered congressional spending (with no veto-check by the Prez) that has created annual deficits with a resultant national debt and its evil twin - inflation, both of which are hamstringing the economy.

LOYALISTS NONPLUSED BUT STALWART

After last week's election, *Salado's* "poster-boys" for arch-conservatism - the "Do-No-Gooders," may have been puzzled over Bush's sagging popularity, (along with certain national election results), but remained steadfast (complete with "happy faces") and when asked - proclaimed continued stalwart support of the president.

"Doing great," "No real problems," were recorded by these hearty souls, who are (in case you wondered) still meeting with alarming regularity at the Stagecoach Coffee Shop. When queried about what was causing the president's tumbling poll numbers, and in-fighting among GOPers in Congress - the DNGers were quick to blame all (alleged) problems on the "Four Horsemen of Conservative Heartburn" - The liberal press; bad old Democrats; stupidity of voters; and contrived polling procedures that can create any result desired!

2006 ELECTIONS

Local hard-core conservatives may believe the reasons for their difficulties

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



are purposely created by outside forces (as noted above), but Congressional Republicans running for reelection in 2006, are blaming "internal" party bickering (and the Bush factor) for a possible voter backlash and early retirement.

GOP apologist and syndicated writer Robert D. Novak, in his November 11 column, unwittingly lent credibility to this week's "Off the Record" thus helping offset local hard-liner's natural reactions of "fantasy and wishful thinking."

Novak reported that in a recent House caucus session, Speaker Dennis Hastert and other party leaders were told that House Republicans are convinced the Virginia loss to Democrats will result in an "every man for himself" run in the 2006 election.

The antidote to avoiding another Virginia loss, according to worried GOP loyalists in the House, is "keep President Bush as far away as possible."

This could also mean that not only will Bush be avoided on the campaign trail, but his legislative plans will receive the same "persona non grata" status.

HOW TO ELECT A DEMOCRAT

Almost neglected some other tittle-tattle concerning the DNGers. Took place one day after the election - when these right-angled conservative crusaders (for the most part) saw nothing funny when one of their members asked a speculative question: "Do you all know how Democrats can win elections next year - in a breeze?"

Naturally the inquiry was made by a card-carrying Democrat whose presence reminds some DNGers of "tokenism run amuck," i.e., allowing bad old yellow-dog Demos (with strong liberal leanings) to break bread or sip coffee with the Village Zealotites.

Some even complained it was due to an unreasonable fear the "Feds" might someday introduce a "quota system" requiring the assignment of several tax-and-spend liberals, to "groups" of correct-thinking conservatives (like DNGers).

At any rate, "How to easily elect Democrats next year" was put on the table, creating DNGer consternation. It also allowed the interlocutor to slyly explain: "Democrats are sure to win, if President Bush is on hand to speak on behalf of their Republican opponents, the day before the election."

Reference was Virginia's Democratic Lieutenant Governor Tim Kaine's victory over favored Republican opponent Jerry Kilgore, the day after Bush campaigned in what GOPers termed a "must win" election.

HUGE COUNTY AMENDMENT VOTE

Over 20,000 Bell Countians voted in the recent nine-amendment election, which surpassed the hotly contested election two years ago that saw 15,131 countians go to the polls and shoot down the controversial jail-courthouse bond issue.

What brought nearly 5,000 more county voters to the polls this year was Amendment Two (banning same sex marriages) that produced an 83.17 percent margin of victory - the highest of the amendments.

Statewide, Amendment Two garnered 76.2 percent of the 2,250,000 votes cast - another near record high for amendment voting.

Next week we'll study the rantings of "round-the-bend" Pat Robertson.

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Salado Family Relief Fund helps needy with community support

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

We are heading into the busy holiday season and we wanted to put in an early request to our fellow Saladoans to assist Salado Families in need. The Salado Family Relief group organizes an annual Christmas Project whereby needy families submit Wish Lists for toys and our group coordinates to best fill these requests. It is a large project and support is greatly needed.

There are four ways you can support the Christmas Project:

1) Attend the Empty Bowl Project on Saturday Nov. 19 at the Salado Intermediate School from 10-6 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each, and the proceeds will go toward the Christmas Project.

2) Make a tax-free donation to Salado Family Relief, P O Box 461, Salado, TX 76571

3) When shopping for Christmas, purchase an extra toy for a child, and call to make delivery arrangements.

4) Adopt a needy family this year, and shop for their toys. Please call to find out more about adopting a family.

We will also be collecting gently used coats and blankets at the Empty Bowl Project, so please look through your closets for possible donations.

Together we can insure that all families in Salado are able to celebrate Christmas this year.

Sincerely

Renee Oas and Leigh Drake, Pres. Salado Family Relief Fund

Editor's note: With the outpouring of relief to the victims of Hurricane Katrina and Rita, many local relief agencies are suffering shortfalls in donations from their traditional givers. We should not allow that to happen here in Salado.

For a decade the Salado Family Relief Fund has lived up to its name and mission statement by helping families here at home in many ways, not just at Christmas.

Each year, the Family Relief Fund provides vouchers to carefully screened families to provide funds for back-to-school needs. By working closely with the local Wal-Mart store, the Relief Fund assures that the vouchers cannot be

cash, but only used for school-related purchases.

That helps 100 children go back to Salado schools with a set of new clothes.

The Salado Family Relief Fund has grown in response to the need of the community.

To all of our readers, please give what you can.

Oil profits, the price of gasoline, and the future

As Texans made sacrifices to help our Louisiana neighbors and prepared to endure a hurricane of our own, we noticed the price of gasoline rising.

Several weeks later, ExxonMobil posted its highest quarterly profits ever of almost \$10 billion. When the price of gasoline rises, it affects almost everyone's day-to-day life; and when the price rises substantially, it can have a serious effect on everyone's livelihood, from airlines to agriculture. With that in mind, the Senate wanted to take a closer look at the industry, so we invited some oil-company executives to speak on the matter at a Senate hearing.

Profits are a normal and important facet of capitalism. Without the incentive to make profits, people will not risk their hard-earned cash to open up new businesses, providing the goods and services we all need.

At the same time, it is disconcerting to hear about record oil profits at the very moment we are seeing prices rise at the pump. If it were found that prices were being set, not by the free market, but by secret agreements not to compete, then Congress would be sure those practices were punished.

However, many of us remember that it was not long ago that the oil industry was going through a tough time. A sober look behind the headlines of record profits is revealing. For every dollar they take in, the oil industry earns an average of less than \$.08. Even ExxonMobil only managed to earn just under \$.10 for every dollar it took in. The profit margins in the oil industry are actually well below those in many other industries. Contrast ExxonMobil's \$.10 per dollar margin with Microsoft and Citigroup, each of which

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Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



had profits of over \$.33 per dollar. Other companies, like Merck, Cingular and IBM and all had profit margins at least twice that of Exxon.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita were major reasons prices rose this autumn. Oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico endured sustained winds of 175 mph, which caused substantial damage to much of our oil infrastructure: 35 platforms were destroyed and 16 more were badly damaged. By early October, over 90 percent of oil production in the Gulf of Mexico was shut down.

Even worse, much of the oil that we did have could not be turned into gasoline. With Rita bearing down on them, refineries from Lake Charles, Louisiana to Corpus Christi, Texas were forced to shut down. Combined, we lost the capacity to refine 20 percent of the oil consumed daily in the U.S. Before the hurricanes, oil refineries were operating at 97 percent of capacity, so the shutdowns caused a substantial disruption in the supply of gasoline,

forcing prices higher.

The supply of gasoline is vital to our economy and security. We need to have greater refining capacity so that when some plants are forced to shut down others can pick up the slack. However, right now extensive and arcane federal regulations discourage businesses from making additional investments in refineries. In fact, no new refinery has been built in the U.S. since 1976.

To open a new refinery now, a company has to follow expensive and time consuming permitting requirements, often fraught with lengthy regulatory delays. Businesses contemplating such a long-term investment must consider, not just the environmental regulations that exist today, but also the regulations Congress or state governments might decide to impose upon them in the future. The legal climate is so unpredictable that businesses have chosen not to build new plants. To resolve this, Congress needs to provide businesses with

a predictable and secure legal regimen which will allow them to expand with confidence.

Since there is only so much oil in the ground, we also must diversify and start using new sources of fuel. There has been much talk about investing in alternative energy sources for years, but often it has been all hat and no cattle.

This year, Congress took serious measures to address this problem in the energy bill. We provided numerous incentives for businesses to invest in and start using alternative sources of fuel. We provided production tax credits, encouraging businesses to produce clean, renewable energy such as wind, biomass, and geothermal power. We also encouraged businesses to buy more of these renewable resources by offering businesses tax credits for purchasing alternative fuel and hybrid vehicles. We even provided a 30 percent credit for investments in alternative refueling stations, to make the practical side of the transition to new fuels more feasible. If just 20 percent of cars used fuel cell technology, we could cut oil imports by 1.5 million barrels every day.

By addressing the real underlying problems, we can make serious headway in fulfilling America's energy needs.

The Bush Reconstruction Company - a weak record



Jim Hightower

If I was from New Orleans, I'd be scared to death right now. Not because of the toxic mud and such, but because of the answer given by a White House spokesman when asked who is "in charge" of the federal reconstruction effort on the Gulf Coast: "The president," he said.

George W!?! The guy who took five days to find New Orleans?

That's truly a scary thought - but it really doesn't matter whether it's George himself or that gaggle of neocon ideological zealots he keeps around him.

Either way, the chances of the Administration actually delivering much for the hard-hit people of this region are slim to none... and you know where slim went.

If the good folks on the Gulf want to know how Bush and Co. handles reconstruction jobs, they should telephone Afghanistan. In 2001, our troops drove the Taliban from power, and George W loudly proclaimed that his government would soon secure and rebuild the country, providing roads, schools, clean water, etc.

Four years later, how's it going? Not well, says a new report by the government's own accountability office. It seems the Taliban is back, war lords rule most of Afghanistan, and, Bush's hand-picked president can't even travel outside the capitol.

Meanwhile, the \$1.6 billion we've spent so far on reconstruction there has largely been a waste, achieving little that was promised. Take schools. The nation needed 5,500 of them. How many have U.S. contractors completed? Eight! They also have refurbished 77 schools, but the report says that a coat of paint is sometimes counted as "refurbished." Plus, many of the completed schools have no desks, blackboards, books, trained teachers, or even drinking water.

Now, despite Bush's own pledges that he would "stay the course" in Afghanistan, he reportedly will begin withdrawing from there next year. Maybe he'll dust off that infamous "Mission Accomplished" banner he used two years ago to claim "victory" in Iraq.



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Unfortunately, many people aren't doing this, as these numbers show:

- The average household requires more than \$450,000 in life insurance, yet has only about \$126,000 in coverage, according to a recent report issued by the Society of Financial Service Professionals.

- About 40 percent of adult Americans have no life insurance, according to insweb.com, a Web site devoted to insurance issues.

If you're one of those who are uninsured or underinsured, you need to take action soon - because no one can predict the future.

How much insurance - and what type?

Your insurance needs

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



will change throughout your life. If you're single, and you rent an apartment, you may not need much insurance at all. But fast forward a few years - you're married and you have a house. Now, you need at least enough life insurance to enable your spouse to pay off your mortgage should you die early. Add on a few more years, and maybe you have a couple of children; at this point, you need to be able to leave enough money to help pay for college.

To determine about how much insurance you'll need at different stages of your life, consult with a financial services professional - someone who can analyze your family and financial situations and help you come up with the right number. But you'll also need to decide what type of insurance is appropriate

for your situation. Here are two options:

- **Term insurance** - When you're first starting out in your career, you may want to consider a term insurance policy. Term insurance is "pure" insurance; you get a death benefit, but no build-up of cash value. You'll find that term insurance premiums are generally quite affordable, although they become less so as you get older.

- **Permanent insurance** - If you want a death benefit and an investment component, you might choose some type of "permanent" insurance, such as whole life, universal life or variable universal life. Depending on which policy you choose, you can earn a fixed or variable rate of return. Your earnings have the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis, and

you can use your account's cash value to help pay for your children's college or to help fund your own retirement.

Beyond life insurance While life insurance is essential, it isn't the only type of protection you'll need. At some time in their careers, about 30 percent of Americans age 35 to 65 will suffer a disability lasting at least 90 days, according to the Health Insurance Association of America. Even a short-term disruption to your income could cause you to dip into your investments - and a long-term illness or injury could be disastrous. Your employer may offer some disability coverage, but it may be insufficient, so you might need to purchase an individual disability income policy.

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When you're ready to buy a home, do you think you'll prefer new construction or an existing home? A brand new house may sound appealing, but consider what an existing home could offer above and beyond the features you'll find in a newly built (or yet to be built!) house.

Foremost in your mind is price. With comparable

amenities, you'll likely find that a resale home lists at a lower price than a new one. The National Association of REALTORS® research predicts the median price of resale homes will rise 5 percent in 2005, while new construction will rise 6 percent. One percent can be huge when you're considering such a large purchase.

Location, location, location. Many existing homes are already located in well-established neighborhoods near shopping, transportation and entertainment. Frankly, land is more scarce these days than in the past, so newer construction tends to be ever further out from the center of the community, sometimes on smaller, unadorned lots without much landscaping. If you'd like a spacious yard with a fence and beautiful trees, you'll probably start by looking at older homes.

Don't get me wrong - new homes offer a lot of modern amenities. But don't overlook older homes that are often updated and improved with the very features you're looking for. Know what you want before you begin your search, and keep an open mind.

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Salado sales tax revenues dip 8.55%

For the first time this year, sales tax rebates to the Village of Salado and the Salado Public Library District were smaller than last November's checks.

The rebate to the Village of Salado of \$29,889.62 is 8.55 percent smaller than last November's payment of \$32,880.62.

No other municipality in Bell County showed a decrease for their November payment. Eleven cities levy sales tax in Bell County.

For the year, however, the Village of Salado continues to outpace last year's payments. Thus far in 2005, the Village has received \$292,802.32, which is almost five percent more than the \$279,771.08 paid through November 2004. This trails the average increase in payments to all Bell

County cities, which is 11.65 percent more through November than the previous year.

The Village of Salado levies a one percent sales tax within its boundaries.

The Salado Public Library District also saw its sales tax rebate for November dip compared to 2004. The Library District was paid \$19,712.17 by the State Comptroller's office for November 2004, which is 5.36 percent less than last year's payment of \$20,828.95. For the year, though, the Library District is still outpacing 2004: \$187,180.27 so far in 2005, which is 7 percent higher than the \$174,940.28 paid through November 2004.

The Library District levies a half-cent sales tax within its boundaries, which are the same as the Salado Independent School District.

Bell County, which also levies a half-cent sales tax, saw a healthy increase of 9.31 percent in November, when it received its check of \$1 million. In 2005, the county is running 12 percent higher in sales tax than in 2004; thus far Bell County has been paid \$10.5 million in 2005, compared to \$9.4 million in 2004.

"Our Texas economy is strong and our overall sales tax revenue is healthy," State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said.

Strayhorn reported that state sales tax collections rose to \$1.36 billion in October, up 5.9 percent, compared to October 2004. The Comptroller sent \$451.4 million in November sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit

systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 8 percent compared to last November.

Texas cities received \$310.9 million in sales tax allocations, up 8.6 percent compared to November 2004. Texas counties received November sales tax allocations of \$25.1 million, up 5.6 percent compared to one year ago. Ninety-nine special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$12.4 million in sales tax, up 9.4 percent compared to last November.

October state sales tax collections and November sales tax allocations to local governments represent September sales reported to the Comptroller in October by monthly tax filers and July, August and September sales reported to the Comptroller in October by quarterly tax filers.



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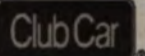
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Eagles' hopes

By TIM FLEISCHER
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One second more.
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By having quarterback Wes Ruth kill the ball inside the Brookshire Royal Falcons 10 yard line, Salado Eagles took just a second off the clock at the end of their Nov. 12 game, trailing 22-27.

But a second was all that was needed to end regulation, sending the Falcons on to the next round of the Division I 2A football playoffs where they are likely to breeze through the Regional championship and possibly compete in the state championship game in December.

It was the second time in less than two minutes that the Eagles had been stopped inside the Falcons' 10 yard line. Earlier in the fourth quarter, Salado drove 68 yards from their own 29 yard line to the Falcons' four yard line for a first down and goal with 3:18 left in the game, trailing 27-20.

Ruth tried twice to get into the endzone before throwing for an incomplete pass on third down from the four yard line. Blake Newman was then stopped by the Falcon defense coming across on a sweep to the left side of the line with 1:53 left in



Blake Hancock (26), Jesse Rodri Falcon running back Torian Wilk Stadium on Nov. 12. The loss ki face Comfort this week. (PHOTO B

the game.

The Salado defense then stiffened and gave up no yardage on three straight runs by quarterback D.J. Emerson. Salado held Emerson to 127 yards on 27 attempts, including jaunts of 44 yards in the first half and 40 yards in the second half.

Rather than punt out of their endzone, the Falcons took a safety and kicked

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ez (15) and Austin Smith (45) converge on Brookshire Royal s (34) during the Salado Eagles' 27-22 loss at Bryan Viking cked the Eagles out of the playoffs. The Falcons move on to (Marilyn Fleischer)

the first to tie the game at 7-7 and added touchdowns of 10 yards and 23 yards in the fourth quarter when the Falcons took their only lead of the game.

Salado Eagles chewed up 312 yards of turf on the ground, with Ruth leading all rushers with 190 yards on 26 carries, including long runs of 60 yards and 56 yards in the first half.

The Eagles drew first blood on their first possession, driving 92 yards on just five plays, including a 60 yard jaunt over the left side by Ruth. Blake Newman took a handoff wide to the right side for the touchdown from the Falcons' 20 yard line at 7:51 in the first quarter.

The Falcons tied the game at 7-7 on Emerson's 44-yard run at 1:44 in the first.

Salado responded quickly, as Ruth took a second down snap and ran to the left side of the line, jumped over a defender, gathered his feet and cut all the way across the field for a 56 yard touchdown run at 40 second left in the first quarter. The PAT by Travis Kemp made the score 14-7.

A 24-yard run by Wilkins after the Falcons faced the Eagles to punt from their own 14 and partially blocked it. SEE EAGLES, PAGE 8A

to Salado with 55 seconds remaining in the game and a 27-22 lead.

Newman returned the kick to the Falcons' 45 yard line, from which the Eagles drove downfield on seven plays and no timeouts.

Ruth threw two incomplete passes before finding Stephen Fry for 15 yards and out of bounds to stop the clock at 37 seconds.

A bad snap to Ruth was recalled on a defensive offside call against Brookshire, moving the ball to the Falcons' 25 yard line with 25 second left in the game.

Ruth could not find his target on the next two downs, but scampered through the Falcons' defense to about the five yard line, before being tackled in bounds on his way to the endzone with just one second left on the scoreboard.

He then did as instructed and killed the snap, but the last second ticked off the clock ending the game heartbreakingly for the Eagles, who dominated the Falcons throughout the game.

The Falcon offense,

which relies heavily on the running of Emerson and Torian Wilkins, has averaged almost 350 yards total offense per game. It garnered only 211 yards on the ground against the Salado defense. A majority of those runs came on three carries by the Emerson-Wilkins combo. Emerson registered a 44 yard touchdown run at 1:44 in



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER) Mark Montgomery (75) and Raymond Soto (79) provide blocks for quarterback Wes Ruth (8).

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The Salado Youth Eagles have been crowned the 2005 champions of the Central Texas Youth League 2A. The Eagles had a 6-1 record entering the playoffs, qualifying them for the Toy Bowl. Salado then defeated Rogers 18-12 to take the number one position. The Eagles first row, l-r: Lucas Terrell, Zack Mills, Peyton Best, Beau Briggs, Brandon Womac, Billy Golding and Austin Terrell. Second row, l-r: Austin Silva, Colby Priest, Jace Rex, John Pegues, Cooper Cox, Cameron Smith and Austin Armstrong. Third row: Sean Moore, Ty Roemer, Marcos Mendoza, Cody Goodman, Drew Manley, Christian Wilkerson and Ryan Kelley. Fourth row: Michael Butts, Mike Joe Sellers, Jack Benolken, Sam Barrett, Brendan Laird, Johnny Jordan, Barton Cheatham and Trey Mohler. Coaches: Mike Moore, Lance Cox, Bernard Briggs, Wayne Womac and Bobby Golding.

Eagles

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brought the score to 14-13 at the 8:04 mark of the first half, thanks to Salado linebacker Justin Konzen blocking the extra point.

Eagle halfback Tavis Wilhite took a reverse handoff around the right end for a 58 yard Salado touchdown with 2:40 remaining in the half. The PAT was wide left, but Salado held a 20-13 half-time lead.

The Falcons tied the game at 20-20 with 27 seconds left in the half on a 10 yard run to the outside by Emerson. Emerson scored the game-winning touchdown with 7:22 left in the game, on a 23 yard run.

The loss knocks Salado out of the playoffs. This is Salado's second trip to the playoffs under Coach Jeff Cheatham during his six seasons at Salado.

At the start of pre-season, Salado was picked in the top ten by Dave Campbell's Texas High School Football. The Eagles finished third in district 25AA, behind Academy and Lexington to whom Salado lost in the final seconds of their games. Salado finishes the year 7-4.

Boosters seek best free throw shooter in town


The Salado Athletic Booster Club is on the hunt for the "Best Free Throw Shooter in Salado." The Booster Club will host its fourth annual free contest starting at 9 a.m. Nov. 19 at the Thomas Arnold Elementary Gymnasium. The Final Rounds will start at 1 p.m.

Medals will be given in each of seven age divisions: Pee Wee (first and second grade), 9 a.m. start; Intermediate (third and fourth), 9:30 a.m. start; Junior (fifth and sixth grade) 9 a.m. start; Senior (7th through 12th grades) 9:30 a.m. start; Graduates (19 through 39 year olds) 10 a.m.; Over the Hill (40 through 59 year olds) 10 a.m. start and Way over the Hill (60+ Year Olds) 10:30 a.m. start.

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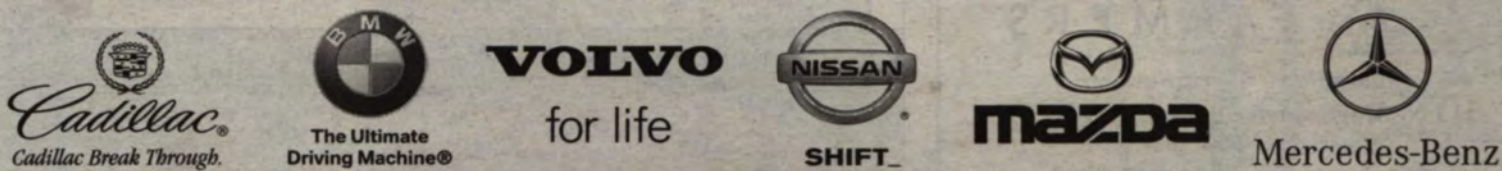
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Volleyball all-district released

Though the Salado Lady Eagle volleyball team might have missed out on the postseason, the girls did put together a 15-19 season and placed six players on the recently released 24AA All-District team.

Leading the way was senior middle blocker Kate Marshall, who was the lone Lady Eagle represented on the first team. Marshall put together a fine senior campaign, recording 225 kills, 67 digs, 46.5 blocks and 44 aces.

Landing on the second

team was junior middle blocker Molly Rooney. Rooney was right up there with Marshall in terms of comparable statistics, registering 178 kills, 85 digs, 52 blocks and 40 aces.

On the all-defensive team Salado placed senior libero LeeAnne Ingalsbe, who led the Lady Eagles in digs with 122.

Rounding out the all-district selections on the honorable mention team were sophomore outside hitter Lauren Haire, who had 35.5 blocks and 92 kills; senior outside hit-

ter Kathryn Holdampf, who tallied 79 kills, 31 aces and 14.5 blocks; and senior setter Shae Janda, who led the team in aces, with 63.

Salado was represented on the Academic All-District team by Marshall, Rooney, LeeAnne Ingalsbe, Haire, Holdampf, Janda, Nicole Weatherly, Larissa Ingalsbe and Kamylle Palomino.

Under first year coach Bree Holz, the Lady Eagles had a district mark of 5-9.

Cross country 10th at State

It wasn't quite the victorious trip to state the Lady Eagles cross country team had hoped for, with Salado finishing in 10th place. The meet, held Nov. 12 in Round Rock's Old Settlers Park, was won by Holliday, while Salado's district rival Academy took eighth.

Junior Chelsea Ervi led all Salado runners, but was unable to improve on her

eighth place run of a year ago at the state meet, this time crossing the line at 12:44.50, which was good enough for 20th place. As a team, Salado recorded 234 points. State champion Holliday, by comparison, had 83 points.

Salado's second place finisher was Molly Rooney, who came in 45th overall with a time

of 13:17. Other individual results were: Rosie Sierra, 50th, 13:33; Leigh Martin, 56th, 13:42; Tamra Stanish, 63rd, 14:00; Kathryn Holdampf, 65th, 14:04; and Kaleigh Rank, 83rd, 14:36.

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Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Nov. 19, at Salado Cemetery with Dale Gore officiating, under the direction of Sheffield Funeral Home in Temple. The family will receive friends at the home

following the service.

Robert Leffel was born on December 6, 1942, in Louisville, Kentucky. He graduated in 1960 from Clovis High School in Clovis, New Mexico. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from North Texas State University, and a doctorate of education from Texas A&M University in 1988.

He was a teacher and administrator for Arlington, Dallas, Lewisville, Pecos and

Round Rock Independent School Districts, Texas State Technical Institute in Waco and Central Texas College-Fort Hood Campus. He also worked for the Texas Education Agency and taught several courses on U.S. Navy ships in the Pacific fleet.

His friends and loved ones will remember his dedication to Rotary, his community, and his students.

Leffel was preceded in death by his father, Robert

Leffel, Jr.

Survivors are his wife of 40 years, Rutha Corder Leffel of Salado; his mother, Lucille Leffel, of Killeen; son, Robert R. Leffel and daughter-in-law, Alicia Leffel, of Keller; grandson, Conner Leffel; and granddaughter, Caitlin Leffel.

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John Schrock passes away Nov. 11

John McColl Schrock died on Nov. 11, 2005 of complications from melanoma cancer. He died at his home in Coppell.

The funeral service was held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Mesquite on Nov. 14.

Schrock was 44 years old at the time of his death. He was employed by Bax Global Corp. as Vice President of Supply Chain Operations.

He attended Sherman High School, Tarleton State in Stephenville and East Texas State

University in Commerce.

He is survived by his wife Mary Lou Ayala; two sons Marcello and Nathan, both of Coppell; and two daughters, Paige and Andi of Kingwood.

He is also survived by his parents, Jack and Joan Schrock, of Salado and his grandmother, Mary Louise McColl, of Temple.

He is also survived by a sister, Jody Davis, her husband Jim Davis and their two children Jessica and Joshua; a brother, Joel Schrock, his wife



John Schrock

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Clergy unite to bring Community Thanksgiving service Nov. 20

Salado's annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be 7 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Salado United Methodist Church. Father Charles Davis of St. Stephen Catholic Church will present the Thanksgiving message.

All of the churches in the community are invited to participate.

Clergy who wish to be a part of leading the service may contact Grady Brittain, pastor of Salado United Methodist Church; Brian Dunks, pastor of First Baptist Church; Joe Keyes, minister of Salado Church of Christ.

The Salado Community Chorus will perform three musical numbers

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Salado debaters Magan Bradshaw and Tyler Cook closed out the final round of competition to capture first and second at the Giddings High School Debate Meet on Nov. 12. Both debaters were undefeated, posting records of 4-0.

Twenty-one schools participated in the meet.

Junior Magan Bradshaw has been successful this fall, as she has placed in all four tournaments. She placed first in two of the events. Her overall U.I.L. record this year is 15-1.

"I am very pleased with Magan's work ethic and progress. She is clearly positioning herself to place at this year's U.I.L. State Meet," said her coach, James Willis.

Freshman Tyler Cook has exceeded all expectations given his experience level. He has reached the final round at his last two meets. His overall U.I.L. record this year is 14-3.

"Tyler is the most talented freshman I have seen in my 20 years of debate. He should not be doing this well at the varsity level as a freshman," said Director of Debate Tim Cook.

The fall LD resolution asks debaters to analyze continued space exploration. Lincoln-Douglas debate is coached by James Willis under the direction of Tim Cook.

The team will compete next at the Central Texas Challenge at Wimberley on Nov. 19, followed by meets at Belton and Westlake.

Community Thanksgiving will benefit the Salado Family Relief Fund to help families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.



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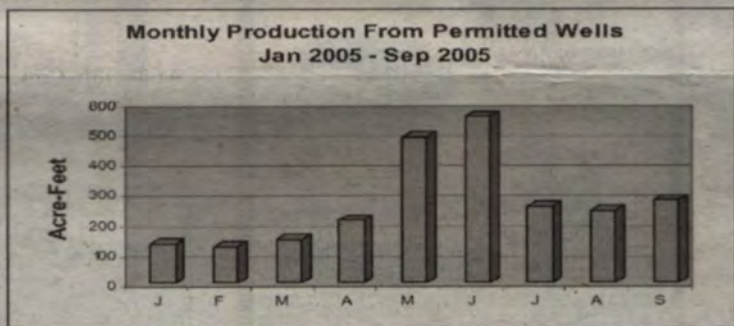
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DISTRICT INFORMATION

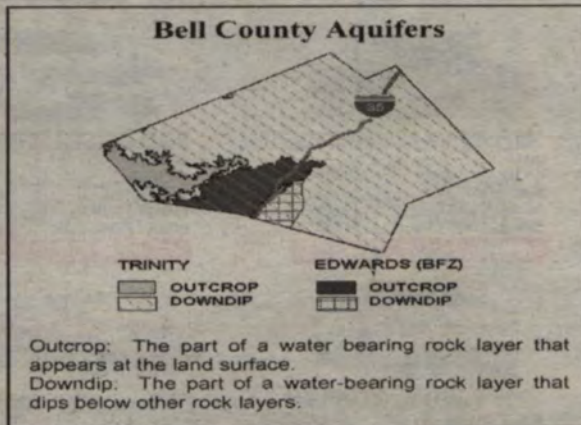
The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD or District) manages Bell County's groundwater. There are two major aquifers within the District—the Edwards (Balcones Fault Zone—BFZ) and the Trinity. The Edwards (BFZ) is located in the southern portion of the county and the Trinity underlies all of Bell County.

Groundwater Availability for the two aquifers was determined in 2005 by using the Texas Water Development Board's released models. The District Board of Directors adopted the annual availability figure for the Edwards (BFZ) at 7,500 ac-ft based on a preferred flow of 200 ac-ft/month from Salado Springs during a repeat of the 1950's drought conditions. For the Trinity aquifer, an annual availability of 7,092 ac-ft was adopted. The management goal for the Trinity was to leave 50% of the available drawdown after 50 years for confined portions of the aquifer and to leave 95% of the saturated thickness for unconfined portions.

Production figures for non-exempt wells—generally wells producing more than 25,000 gallons per day—are reported to the District on a monthly basis. The chart below shows production from the 60 permitted wells from January through September 2005. So far in 2005, these wells have produced 2,112 ac-ft of water. Historic production figures for 2003 and 2004 were 2,608 ac-ft and 2,358 ac-ft, respectively. The chart to the left shows production from each underground source of water.

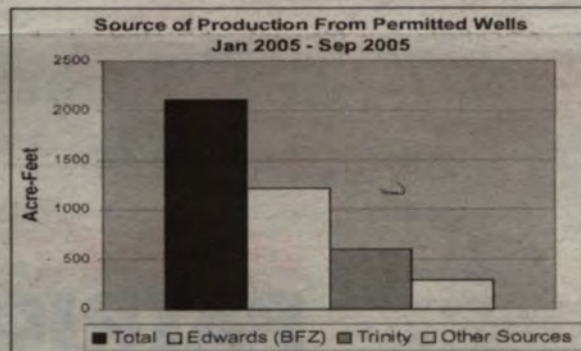


One acre-foot is the amount of water needed to cover one acre of land to a depth of one foot (325,851 gallons).



Upcoming Events

- **Well Plugging Program**— Starting in January, the District will partially fund the plugging of abandoned wells for landowners that can show a demonstrated need.
- **Well Plugging Demonstration**— Spring 2006.
- **Aquifer Monitoring Sites**— District needs additional sites to monitor water levels.
- **Essay/Poster Contest for 5th grade**— Deadline to turn in entries is November 21, 2005. For more information, call: 254-933-0120.



The District measures water levels from selected wells twice annually. This data supplements water level measurements taken annually by the Texas Water Development Board

Aquifer Levels Summer 2003 to Summer 2005

State Well No.	Location	Aquifer	Depth From Land Surface (ft)			
			Other Measurement	July 2003	July 2004	July 2005
58-04-502	Salado	Edwards (BFZ)	50.5 (1985)	56.14	48.58	51.83
58-04-702	SW of Salado	Edwards (BFZ)	71 (1980)	71.96	71.84	72.17
58-04-801	S of Salado	Edwards (BFZ)	134.93 (1966)	137.42	141.25	137.58
40-53-102	N of Moffat	Trinity	*180 (1962)	70.42	71.92	73.33
58-05-901	Holland	Trinity	Flowing (1995)	25.3	28.21	31.84

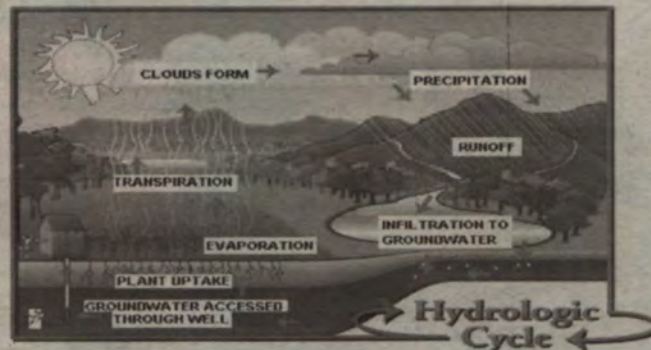
*Measurement was taken after 24 hours of pumping.

A SUMMARY OF THE HYDROLOGIC CYCLE

Nature recycles the earth's water supply through a process known as the water cycle or hydrologic cycle. This cycle operates continuously and receives energy from the sun. There are six major components of this cycle: evapotranspiration, condensation, precipitation, infiltration, percolation and runoff. This section explains key concepts and components of the hydrologic cycle.

The hydrologic cycle consists of inflows, outflows, and storage. Inflows add water to the different parts of the hydrologic system, while outflows remove water. Storage is the retention of water by parts of the system. Because water movement is cyclical, an inflow for one part of the system is an outflow for another.

Looking at an aquifer as an example, percolation of water into the ground is an inflow to the aquifer. Discharge of ground water from the aquifer to a stream is an outflow (also an inflow for the stream). Over time, if inflows to the aquifer are greater than its outflows, the amount of water stored in the aquifer will increase. Conversely, if the inflows to the aquifer are less than the outflows, the amount of water stored decreases.



Inflows and outflows can occur naturally or result from human activity. The earth's water supply remains constant, but man is capable of altering the cycle of that fixed supply. Population increases, rising living standards, and industrial and economic growth have placed greater demands on our natural environment. Our activities can create an imbalance in the hydrologic equation and can affect the quantity and quality of natural water resources available to current and future generations.

From Groundwater Basics <http://www.purdue.edu/dp/envirosoft/groundwater/src/basics.htm>

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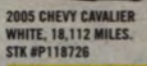


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November 17, 2005

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Humbug!

Christmas Carol sets annual performances

Tablerock Festival of Salado will present Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* at 7 p.m. on Dec. 2 and 3 and Dec. 9 and 10 at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater on Royal Street in Salado.

The stage adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* was written by Harry Sweet. Mr. Sweet will also direct this classic story of Christmas eve in the life of Ebenezer Scrooge, epitome of greed and self-interest, in 1843 London.

Through ghosts and supernatural interventions Scrooge is given the opportunity to transform himself into a man of compassion.

The 70 cast and crew members include: Charlie Voelter-Scrooge; Donnie Williams-Bob Cratchit; Carl Bamsch-Tiny Tim; Howard Horton-Marley; Ciara Bamsch-Christmas Past; Keith McCormack-Christmas Present; Tim Stewart-Nephew Fred; Drew Woodruff-Young Apprentice Scrooge; Shannon Ashe-Mrs. Cratchit; Gordon Mobley-Charity Solicitor; Rebecca Redman-Associate; Amanda White-Caroline; Samantha Horton-Martha Cratchit; Kaitlin Farver-Fan; Keith Rodriguez-Dick Wilkens; Wesley Buchele-Peter Cratchit; Bob Ritchie-Fezziwig; Stephanie Hood-Mrs. Fezziwig; Anna Buchele-Lucy Cratchit; Kayla McCormack-Millie; Jessica Keeney-Belle; Korinna Faver-Caroller; Brenna Sirois-Belinda

Cratchit; Angel Melton-Mrs. Dibler; Suzanne Buchele-Mrs. Pratt; Geneva Bamsch-Older Belle; Tony Blisard-Old Joe & Merchant; C.J. Carpenter-Ignorance; Cassidy Carpenter-Want; Cindie Allen-Ginger; Chandler Carpenter-Child Scrooge; Tanner Carlson-William; Dan Horton-Belle's Husband/Merchant; Chris Coleman-Bert; Rebecca Hamman & Anna Hamman-Fiddlers

Ensemble roles are portrayed by: Addie Ashe, Marcene Grimsley, Katie Harris, Barbara Horton, Lainey Sirois, Bridget Williams, Brigitte Hamman, Ashley Barshaw, Cory Carpenter,

Kira Hamman, Rachel Hamman, Jaelle Hamman, Robert Hamman, Nathaniel Hamman, David Hamman, George Mobley, Mattie Price.

The crew includes Harry Sweet-Director; David Dunlap, Steven L. Hamman Steven Phillip Hamman, Shaina Sirois, J. R. Schwacke-Sound & Lights; Chris & Lynn Carpenter, Debra Faver & Yvonne Barshaw-Back Stage Managers; Brenda Grimsley-Spot Light; Dave Apinchino, Darlene Lummus & Sharon VanWinkle-Concessions/Tickets; Jackie Mills Costumes/ Producer/ Programs; Marilyn Ritchie- Make Up; Denver



A Christmas Carol will be performed at Tablerock Amphitheater on Dec. 2-3 and Dec. 9-10.

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NOVEMBER 17

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

NOVEMBER 17

Cooking class at The Range: A Texas Style Thanksgiving Feast. Info: www.therangerestaurant.com.

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 18-20

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Laugh it Up, Pilgrim!" Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11-12 and 2 p.m. Oct. 12-13. Info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com

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NOVEMBER 19

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

NOVEMBER 19

Cedar Valley Baptist Church Bake Sale and Operation Christmas Child, 9 a.m. until everything's sold, in the Brookshire Brothers parking lot.

NOVEMBER 20

Annual Community Thanksgiving service, 7 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church. Father Charles Davis of St. Stephen's Catholic Church will present the message. Offering will go to the Salado Family Relief Fund.

NOVEMBER 22
Salado ISD campus

tour, 8 a.m. at the high school. Tour should last approximately two hours. Public is invited.

NOVEMBER 22

Cooking class at the Friendship House: Make Ahead Thanksgiving. Two classes will be held, one at 10 a.m. and another at 6 p.m. Cost: \$70. Info: 947-3136.

Nov. 26 & Dec. 3

Cooking class at the Friendship House: Decorate Your Own Gingerbread House. Call 947-3136 for times and cost.

NOVEMBER 29 & 30

Salado ISD campus tour, 8 a.m. at the high school both days. Tour should last approximately two hours. Public is invited.

DECEMBER 1

Christmas Parade down Main Street, with Salado Community

Chorus concert following. Begins at 5 p.m.

DECEMBER 1

Cooking class at The Range: Great Holiday Appetizers. Info: www.therangerestaurant.com.

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 Silver Spur Theater presents Holiday Hootenanny, with lots of Christmas and holiday fun. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2-3 and 2 p.m. Dec.

3-4. Info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.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 4

Cooking class at The Range: An Awesome Dinner Party. Info: www.therangerestaurant.com.

DECEMBER 7

Salado ISD campus tour, 8 a.m. at the high school. Tour should last approximately two hours. Public is invited.

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary 2005 board of directors host the President's Coffee 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 8-10

Annual Coach Smith Memorial High School Basketball Tournament at the high school gym. Details TBA.

DECEMBER 9-11

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents Holiday Hootenanny, with lots of Christmas and holiday fun. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9-10 and 2 p.m. Dec. 10-11. Info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

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 15

Cooking class at The Range: Great Winter Desserts. Info: www.therangerestaurant.com.

DECEMBER 16

St. Stephen Catholic Church Christmas Dinner.

DECEMBER 16-18

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents Holiday Hootenanny, with lots of Christmas and holiday fun. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16-17 and 2 p.m. Dec. 17-18. Info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

DECEMBER 19

Music in Salado, Texas, Inc. members only Annual Christmas Party, at the home of Barbara and John Robertson.

DECEMBER 31

Second Annual New Year's Eve at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. More details TBA.

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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JANUARY 15
Salado Wedding and Event Showcase, 1-5 p.m. Exhibitor, Tasting and Bed and Breakfast Tour; 5-6 p.m. reception at the Stagecoach Inn. Admission: \$15. Further details TBA.

JANUARY 17
Teacup Tuesday meeting, Program: A talk on new spring fashions by Ron Leguin of Susan Maries, 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Salado.

JANUARY 19
Thomas Arnold Elementary/PTO Dads and Donuts morning, 7-7:45 a.m. at the school. Info: 947-5191.

JANUARY 26
Salado ISD STARS Conference, 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School. A curriculum showcase, STARS Conference allows students to demonstrate curriculum lessons for parents. Details TBA.

JANUARY 26
Salado Area Republican Women's Candidates Forum, 6 p.m. at Mill Creek Restaurant. Dinner included. Info: 254-947-3617.

FEBRUARY 4
Salado ISD School Bond election. Polls open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

FEBRUARY 11-12
St. Stephen's Women's Society Valentine Bake Sale. 6:30 p.m. Feb 11 and noon-1 p.m. Feb. 12 in the church's Marian Room. Everyone welcome.

FEBRUARY 13
St. Stephen's Women's Society meeting. Topic: Women's Health, "Prevention and Early Detection of Cancer," 6:30 p.m. St. Stephen Parish Hall.

FEBRUARY 21
Teacup Tuesday meeting, Program: "Early Childhood Memories" by Patsy Sanford and friends, 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church.

MARCH 18
Salado Civic Center Auction and Dinner, 6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Info: 947-8300.

MARCH 21
Teacup Tuesday meeting, Program: "New Wines and Old Wineskins (new identity) by Molly White, 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church.

APRIL 1-2
Annual Wildflower Art Show. More details TBA. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

APRIL 7
Thomas Arnold Elementary/PTO Moms and Muffins morning, 7-7:45 a.m. at the school. Info: 947-5191.

APRIL 8
Chisholm Trail ABWA Style Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mill Creek Restaurant. Info: 254-947-3617.

APRIL 18
Teacup Tuesday meeting, Program: "History Mysteries" by author, historian and Salado-resident Charlie Turnbo, 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church.

APRIL 22
Third Annual Salado Dog Daze, in Pace Park. Details TBA.



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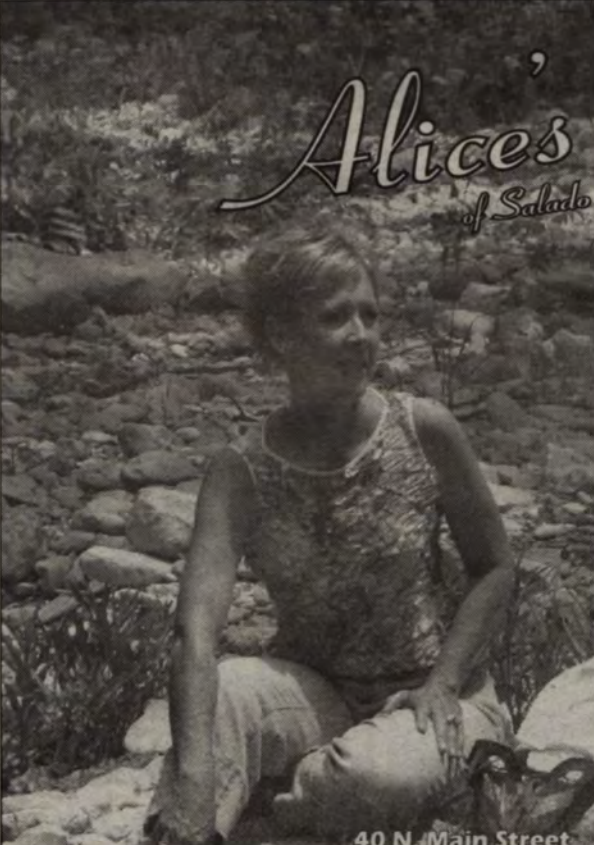
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A Dec. 3 morning tour of the Salado Silver Spur Theater, Salado's latest entertainment attraction, will be led by owner-performers Penny and Grainger Esch.

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now is the setting for vaudeville and movie classics on weekends March through December.

Grainger and Penny, who met on the set of the film *The Grinch*, married and came to Salado, where Grainger had enjoyed childhood visits to his grandparents' home. The couple shared a dream of a theater for old-time family entertainment. Silver Spur Theater is the fulfillment of the dream.

The versatile couple perform in comic skits and sing and dance, introduce guest artists and show classic movies, many of the silent era, in show bills that change monthly. Many of the rustic features of the old building have been retained or recycled. Notations of grain purchases and deliveries are still seen on some of the walls, and scoops that once filled bags with grain now hold the stage footlights.

With performances scheduled at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3 and 2 p.m. Dec. 4, visitors may see the theater only on the morning of Dec. 3, from 10 a.m.-noon.

Another old local building enjoying new use is Dr. Don Ellis' City Garage, known for its vintage neon-lighted Pegasus, the "Flying Red Horse," atop its roof. Outfitted to look like an early auto mechan-

ic shop, complete with old gas pumps, the building is home to a number of classic cars Dr. Ellis acquired over several years.

The garage will be open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 3 and 1-5 p.m. Dec. 4. Dr. Ellis favors cars manufactured by Ford. He will be on hand to offer histories of the automobiles.

A small museum, operated by the Historical Society and located on the first floor of the Civic Center, will be open during the announced tour hours. Member of the Society will be present to discuss the numerous documents, photographs and items from Salado pioneers on display.

When visitors buy tour tickets at the Civic Center, they will want to spend some time in the museum, small but filled with memories of the village as it once was.

Yet another look at Salado life in the 1800s is offered by two log cabins adjacent to the Civic Center. Both cabins, owned and operated by the Society, were moved there from their original locations. The Denman cabin came to its present site after several moves. The home of Saladoan Robert Denman's great-grandfather, it was donated to the Society by the Denmans.

The one-room dwelling is furnished with antique farm pieces and old-fashioned Christmas decor.

Three periods of Salado's past are represented in the Boles-Aiken cabin.

Discovered between the walls of a home being torn down on Center Circle, it was disassembled and later acquired by the Society, which moved it to its present site and restored it. It is believed to have been Salado's first post office in 1852, so that is depicted in one-third of the house. Another time when it served as a stagecoach shop is represented with a primitive cot, lamp and other relics. The cabin's life as this community's earliest school house occupies the primary space with old desks, slate writing boards and old text books.

Members of the local Boy Scout Troop will welcome visitors the cabins.

Private homes on the tour are Bishop Claude and Barbara Payne at 617 Indian Trail; Johnny and Jill Shipman, 711 College Hill; Dr. Robert and Linda Mastin, 2518 Hester Way; Jan Scurlock, 20 Rock Creek; Bennie and Wylene Williams, 1430 N. Robertson Road; and Bob and Diane Pascoe, 2001 Indian Trail.

The Tour of Homes will be open 5-8 p.m. Dec. 2; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 3; and 1-5 p.m. Dec. 4. Tickets are \$12 if purchased before Nov. 30, from local merchants including Horsefeathers, Salado Galleries, Charlotte's of Salado and Rock Creek Treasures, as well as the Salado Civic Center. After Nov. 30, tickets, at \$15, will be available at the Civic Center and at homes on the tour.

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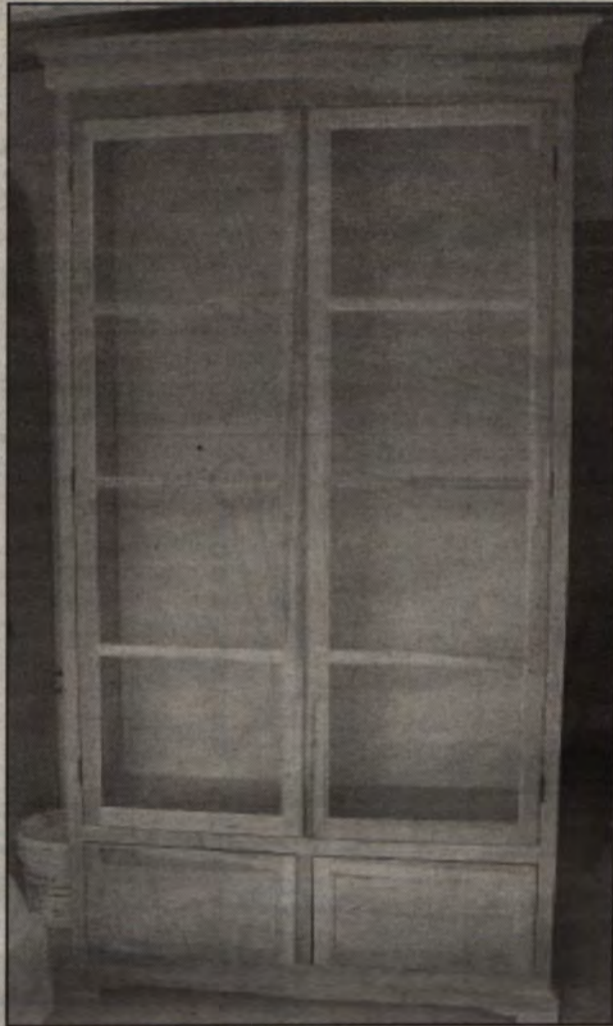
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In addition, these pieces are all made in a custom workshop, allowing clients to specify the dimensions, wood type, color and hardware. Because Pascoe works the project from design through build and finishing, clients can be assured of quality at every step. Other pieces can be viewed at the Salado Sawmill, or by visiting www.saladosawmill.com. For a consultation with Pascoe, call (947-0137) or come by during business hours. The Salado Sawmill is located at 409 Salado Plaza Drive, at the entrance to the Mill Creek subdivision. Business hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Sat. The Sawmill is closed the fourth weekend of each month.

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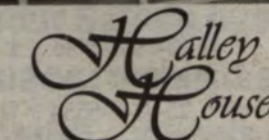


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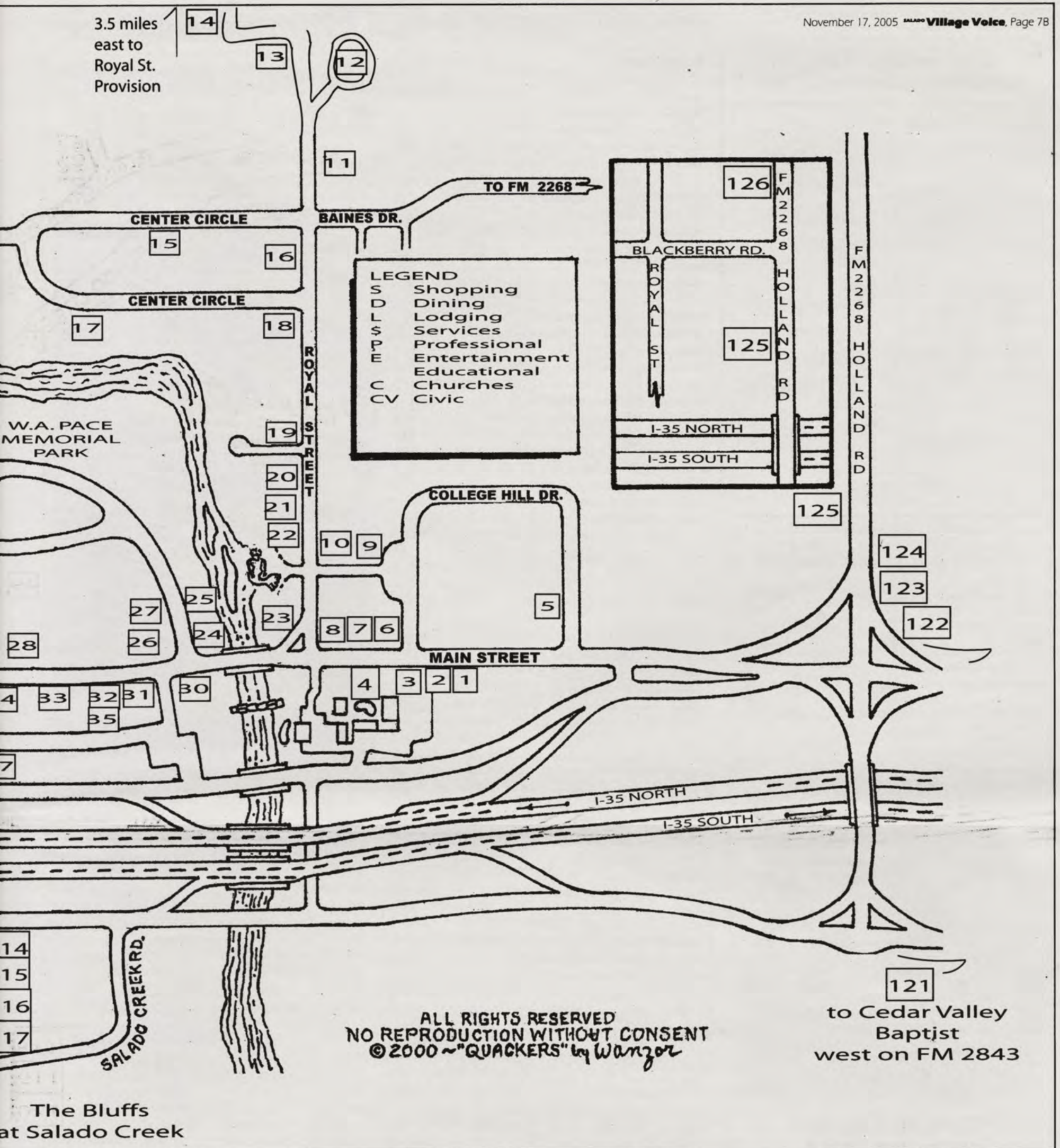
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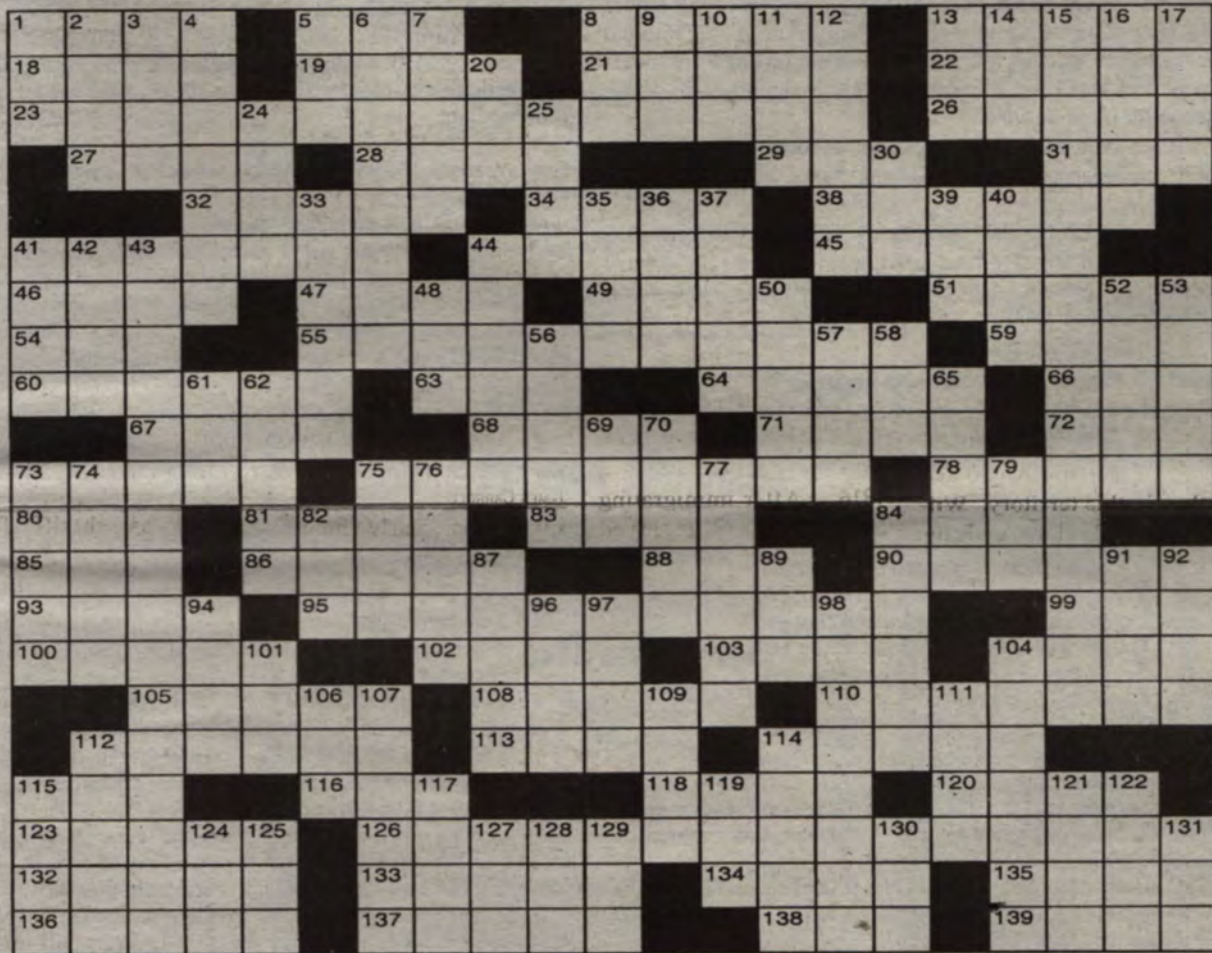
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 - 5 "The — Daba Honeymoon" ("14 song)
 - 8 Type of orange
 - 13 Big name in travel
 - 18 Son of Rebekah
 - 19 Puppy bites
 - 21 Singer Shirley
 - 22 "— Gay"
 - 23 Guy Mitchell tune
 - 26 Claire of "Brokedown Palace"
 - 27 Jolt
 - 28 Coarse flour
 - 29 White lie
 - 31 Dit's cousin
 - 32 Seafood selection
 - 34 Certain horses
 - 38 Round Table knight
 - 41 "The Odd Couple" actor
 - 44 "The Jungle Book" bear
 - 45 Artless
 - 46 Tennis legend
 - 47 WWII site
 - 49 Buffalo waterfront
 - 51 "Taras Bulba" author
 - 54 Mineral suffix
 - 55 Guy de Maupassant story
 - 59 42 Down's mistress
 - 60 Vasco the voyager
 - 63 '70 Jackson 5 hit
 - 64 Baby bird?
 - 66 Zeus, to Apollo
 - 67 "Exodus" author
 - 68 Auto pioneer
 - 71 McGregor of "Moulin Rouge"
 - 72 When the French fry
 - 73 Faded away
 - 75 Guy Lafleur's team
 - 78 Made eyes at
 - 80 Urchin
 - 81 Inland sea
 - 83 Semester
 - 84 Entreaty
 - 85 Card game
 - 86 Printer's stroke
 - 88 Recede
 - 90 Soccer team
 - 93 Puzzle direction
 - 95 Guy Kibbee film
 - 99 Word form for "outer"
 - 100 Confer
 - 102 "What's — for me?"
 - 103 Libertine
 - 104 "So this is the thanks —!"
 - 105 Call to mind
 - 108 Rattle
 - 110 Abide
 - 112 Stopped a sedan
 - 113 Fitzgerald or Raines
 - 114 Steep slope
 - 115 Seed
 - 116 Humor
 - 118 "—, Brute?"
 - 120 Mortgage, e.g.
 - 123 Parcel out
 - 126 Guy Lombardo hit
 - 132 Steakhouse order
 - 133 Desert refuge
 - 134 Swedish import
 - 135 Mozart's "La Clemenza di —"
 - 136 Brolin/Sellecca series
 - 137 Range rope
 - 138 Three, in Turin
 - 139 1492 or 1776
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Actor Tremayne
 - 2 Sale stipulation
 - 3 Talk wildly
 - 4 Monsieur Rodin
 - 5 Abby's twin
 - 6 Loud lout
 - 7 Director Michael
 - 8 One of the Bushes
 - 9 Everything
 - 10 Winter malady
 - 11 Vassal's holding
 - 12 Commission
 - 13 Nourished
 - 14 "— Carousel" ('67 hit)
 - 15 Guy Williams role
 - 16 New York city
 - 17 Hasty
 - 20 — Na Na
 - 24 Foot part
 - 25 Exile site
 - 30 Herd word
 - 33 They sport dreadlocks
 - 35 Waugh or Baldwin
 - 36 Michael of "Cabaret"
 - 37 Taints
 - 39 Assumed mane?
 - 40 Revlon rival
 - 41 A sweeping success?
 - 42 Movie terrier
 - 43 Guy Fawkes conspiracy
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 - 61 Exist
 - 62 He had a gilt complex
 - 65 Hillock
 - 69 Presidential monogram
 - 70 Vamp
 - 73 Dorian Gray's creator
 - 74 O'Neill's "— for the Misbegotten"
 - 75 "Fame" star
 - 76 Cover story?
 - 77 Board -
 - 79 "— whiz!"
 - 82 Yank opponent
 - 84 Murcia money
 - 87 It's good - to have around the house
 - 89 Buddy
 - 91 Part of CEO
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 - 94 — Scotia
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 - 104 Irreverence
 - 106 London's — Gardens
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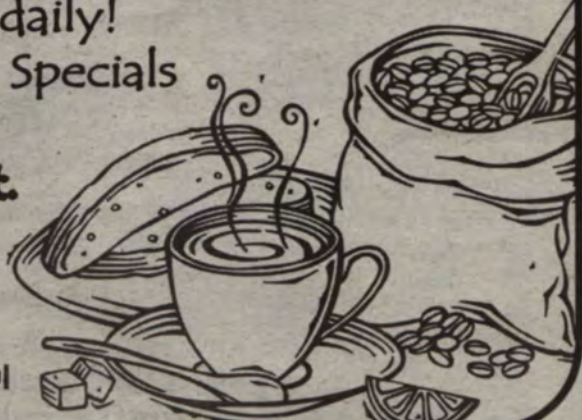
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- 3 cups pomegranate juice
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- 1 lemon, cut in half
- 2 TB sea salt
- ground black pepper
- 4-6 fresh rosemary sprigs
- 2 small white or yellow onions, peeled
- additional rosemary sprigs and pomegranate seeds for garnish



Cook pomegranate juice and sugar in a medium saucepan for 20-30 minutes or until juice thickens into a syrup. Stir frequently so sides of the pan do not burn. Remove from heat and keep warm.

Wash and dry the ducks, removing the giblets and neck and trimming off the excess loose fat from the neck area and open cavity. Rub the ducks all over with the lemon halves. Season with salt and pepper inside and out and place the onions and rosemary in the cavity. Truss the ducks and place on a rack in one or two roasting pans. Preheat oven to 450°F.

Place ducks in hot oven and roast for 15-20 minutes. Then, remove from oven, prick the skin all over with a fork, baste with pomegranate glaze and reduce heat to 375°F. Continue to roast, basting every 10 minutes or so with the glaze. (If too much fat accumulates on the bottom of the roasting pan, you may remove some of it during cooking.) Roast for a total cooking time of about 1-1 1/2 hours or until the internal temperature reaches 180°F for thigh meat or 170°F for breast meat. Let stand for 10 minutes to allow the juices to settle. Baste for the final time.

Place on a large serving platter; decorate with rosemary and pomegranate seeds, if desired. Serve with any leftover glaze.

Nutrition Info: Per Serving (7 oz.): 570 calories (310 calories from fat), 34g total fat, 12g saturated fat, 0g dietary fiber, 23g protein, 43g carbohydrate, 100mg cholesterol, 990mg sodium

Poblano Pepper and Cornbread Stuffing

Dairy-Free, Gluten-Free, Vegetarian

Spicy poblano peppers join red and green bell peppers to add zing and flavor to this traditional recipe.

Serves 8-10

- 1 1/2 lbs of prepared cornbread
- 6 TB unsalted butter
- 3 poblano peppers, seeded and chopped
- 2 red bell peppers, seeded and chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 1/2 bunches of green onions, about 1 cup
- 2 packages (1 lb each) frozen corn, thawed
- 3 eggs
- 2 TB maple syrup
- 2 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper

Ingredient options: use a gluten-free cornbread or dairy-free cornbread. Use non-hydrogenated, non-dairy margarine in place of the butter.

Coarsely crumble the cornbread. If your cornbread is fresh, allow to sit out several hours to stale a bit.

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In a medium sized pan, heat the butter until melted and add the poblano, red and green peppers to cook slowly, about 10 minutes stirring from time to time. Slice the green onions in rounds, including up to half of the green stems. Add onions and one package of frozen corn and continue cooking until onions are translucent, about 5 minutes. Let cool and drain some of the liquid if too wet. Meanwhile, pulse the second package of corn in a food processor along with the eggs, maple syrup, salt and pepper.

In a large mixing bowl, fold the pepper mix with the corn mixture and gradually fold into the coarsely crumbed cornbread. Do not over mix, the stuffing should have a coarse texture.

Place in a buttered oven-proof standard baking dish (13.5" x 9) and cover with parchment paper, then with foil. Place in oven and cook for about 40 minutes, remove foil and parchment paper and continue cooking for approximately 15 minutes, until the stuffing is golden on the top.

Nutrition Info: Per Serving (240g-wt.): 360 calories (130 from fat), 15g total fat, 7g saturated fat, 10g protein, 51g total carbohydrate (5g dietary fiber, 9g sugar), 105mg cholesterol, 980mg sodium

Harvest Stuffed Acorn Squash

Dairy-Free, Gluten-Free, Vegan

Serves 6

- 1/2 cup chopped yellow onion
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 TB extra virgin olive oil or sunflower oil
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 2/3 cup dried cranberries, soaked in hot water, drained until just tender
- 1/2 cup grated peeled apple
- 1/2 cup walnut pieces
- 2 TB chopped parsley
- 1 tsp dried sage
- sea salt, to taste
- ground pepper, to taste
- 3 acorn squash

- 1 cup vegetable stock
- 2 TB organic extra virgin olive oil

Ingredient Options: choose barley or quinoa instead of rice.

In a small pan, sauté onion and garlic in oil over medium heat until soft but not browned. Place in a large bowl and add rice, cranberries, sweet potato, apple, walnuts, parsley, and sage. Season with salt and pepper and set aside. Preheat oven to 375°F.

Slice the acorn squashes in half, and scrape out the seeds and the strings. Place face down in large casserole or roasting pan and fill with 1/2 inch of vegetable stock, and bake for 15-20 minutes. Remove, reserve any remaining stock, and place face side up in pan. Fill each cavity with about 1/2-2/3 cup stuffing. Drizzle with olive oil and any remaining stock, and cover tightly with foil. Bake until squashes are cooked and slightly soft to the touch, about 30 minutes. Remove the foil for the last 5 minutes of baking.

Nutrition Info: Per Serving (382g-wt.): 390 calories (120 from fat), 14g total fat, 1.5g saturated fat, 7g protein, 66g total carbohydrate (12g dietary fiber, 12g sugar), 0mg cholesterol, 250mg sodium

Cranberry Relish with Dried Cherries

Dairy-Free, Gluten-Free, Vegan

Makes about 2 cups

- 1 cup dried cherries
- 12 oz fresh cranberries
- 1/2 tsp ground cardamom
- 1 cup golden brown sugar, packed

Combine all ingredients in a bowl. Process half of mixture in processor or blender until coarsely chopped. Transfer to bowl and repeat with rest of ingredients. Refrigerate for one day before serving.

Nutrition Info: Per Serving (120g-wt.): 250 calories (0 from fat), 0g total fat, 0g saturated fat, 1g protein, 60g total carbohydrate (4g dietary fiber, 52g sugar), 0mg cholesterol, 20mg sodium

Fall Greens Salad with Pumpkin seeds and Asiago

Vegetarian

As proof that authentic doesn't need to mean time-consuming, this lovely salad assembles easily and makes a perfect side for many fall entrées. A combination of velvety butter lettuce and crisp baby spinach leaves, dry roasted pumpkin seeds, slivers of salty asiago cheese and balsamic vinaigrette, brings a delicate dance of flavors to the table.

Serves 6

- 1 head red leaf or butter lettuce
- 2 bunches of watercress, trimmed
- 2 cups baby spinach
- 1 medium minced shallot
- 2 TB balsamic vinegar
- 1 TB apple cider vinegar
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp honey
- 3/4 cup extra virgin olive oil, divided
- sea salt, to taste
- ground pepper, to taste
- 3/4 cup roasted, salted pumpkin seeds
- 1 wedge (6 oz) aged Asiago cheese, grated

Tear the lettuce into bite-size pieces and place in a large salad bowl. Add the watercress and spinach. Set aside.

In a small bowl, mix the shallots and vinegar. Whisk in 1/4 cup of the olive oil and the honey. Blend very well. Add remaining olive oil along with salt and pepper to taste.

Pour dressing over salad and toss gently to coat. Sprinkle with pumpkin seeds and grated cheese to serve.

Nutrition Info: Per Serving (3.5 oz-wt.): 240 calories (170 from fat), 19g total fat, 7g saturated fat, 1g dietary fiber, 10g protein, 9g carbohydrate, 25mg cholesterol, 470mg sodium

Pumpkin Pie

Vegetarian

This perfectly spiced pumpkin pie is the ideal candidate to top off your holiday meal.

Serves 8

- 3/4 cup packed natural brown sugar
- 1 TB pumpkin pie spice*
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 can (15 oz) pumpkin, or 1 3/4 cups cooked fresh pumpkin
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup half & half
- 1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell

In a large mixing bowl, stir together the brown sugar, pumpkin pie spice and salt. Use your clean fingers to really mix it well. Crack the eggs into the bowl and whisk them into the brown sugar mixture with a wire whisk. Add the pumpkin, whisking it in completely. Gently whisk in the half and half. Pour filling into unbaked pie shell and bake at 375°F for 45 minutes or until set.

* Substitute pumpkin pie spice, if desired, with the following:

- 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp ginger
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1/8 tsp cloves

Nutrition Info: Per Serving (140g-wt.): 240 calories (90 from fat), 10g total fat, 4.5g saturated fat, 4g protein, 32g total carbohydrate (less than 1g dietary fiber, 23g sugar), 95mg cholesterol, 230mg sodium

All recipes courtesy of Whole Foods Market, copyrighted 2000-2005. These and other recipes can be viewed at www.wholefoodsmarket.com.

Front Row introduces new artist

The Front Row, located on Main Street in Salado, is now carrying the works of artist Christine Brisley.

Brisley, who has been an exhibiting artist since the age of 15, was one of the first Europeans to be invited to attend the Nam Yang Academy of Fine Arts in Singapore.

This exposure to oriental culture can still be seen in her watercolors today. Since that time, she has had over 30 one-woman exhibitions in England, America, Cyprus, Singapore and the Channel Islands, and has shown her art in numerous galleries including the famous Grosvenor Park Gallery in Mayfair, London and the Spencer Coleman Galleries throughout England. She has also owned and operated four of her own

galleries in Lincolnshire and Essex.

Her love for art began at the age of six, and she sold her first painting at the age of 13.

Brisley considers her art to be eclectic in nature, as she enjoys working with oils, acrylics, watercolors and pastels, paints fine art and modern art with equal passion. This diversity of contrasting styles led one art critic from Seattle to comment at one of her exhibitions, "One artist painted all of this?"

Brisley has traveled extensively worldwide, and her art reflects her journeys. She has also authored and illustrated the books, "Inner Visions," and "Expressions" and is currently working on a third book, "Living in Trust."



Christine Brisley in The Front Row.

For more information on her art visit www.brisleyart.com or call the Front Row at 947-5831.

Small towns have the best festivals

We had a good time at the Fisher County airport between Roby and Rotan. It was the first annual Boot Scoot and Wild Hog Fest. Those folks know how to have a party. The event took place at the airport because area pilots were on hand to give kids their first ride in an airplane. Nearly a hundred went way up high into the sky.

The newly organized Chamber of Commerce was looking for some kind of fundraiser and since wild hogs are roaming around Fisher County these days, chamber directors thought they should be a part of it.

"It's the biggest thing we've ever done," says Rosemary Donham, publisher of the *Rotan Advance* and *Roby Star* newspapers. "We didn't want a cake sale or a garage sale. Everybody does those. We wanted something different. We decided to do something

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big instead of something small."

The chamber paid for the gasoline the planes used. "We wanted the kids to have free plane rides," says Rosemary. "In order to do that, we wanted the pilots to have an incentive to fly in."

Fisher County only has 4,000 residents. Six hundred of them live in Roby, about 2,000 live in Rotan. The airport had a huge tent where about 350 people gathered for a steak dinner Thursday night before the weekend events started on Saturday (Friday is football and you don't plan anything on Friday night during football season in West Texas). After a gospel group



entertained the crowd, a live auction raised about \$10,000.

Saturday morning 28 vendors showed up to sell everything from books and antiques to marshmallow shooters and cowboy hats. Kids bobbed for apples and entered contests to see who could blow the biggest bubble gum bubble (the winner blew a six-incher). Sassy the clown made balloon figures and painted faces. There was a big slide and a mechanical bull. Cheer leaders and synchronized dancers performed in the shadows of the airplane hangars.


The thing I noticed most was children ages five-to-10 were free to

be kids. Their parents let them wander around to see everything with their little buddies. Kids being kids without their parents right behind them sensing danger is a beautiful thing to see. You don't see much of that in Dallas or Houston.

I got to judge the barbeque cook-off late Saturday afternoon. There was wild hog, to be sure, but the dozen cooks also brought in chicken, beans, chili, ribs, brisket and a scary category called Weird Stuff. The cooks proudly displayed their elaborate cooking setups to the site judges. I didn't get a single bribe offer. The winners got handsome trophies and bragging rights.

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Easterwood named artist of the month

The Salado Village Artists have announced Louise Easterwood as Artist of the Month for November and December. Each month, the club recognizes an artist and has their work displayed in both Salado banks, as well as the Salado Public Library.

Except for traveling some with her military husband, Easterwood has been a Temple resident all her life. And she has painted and studied art for many of those years.

"I ought to be an expert," she says. "I have taken every class Temple College has to offer on art technique, some of them twice. I should have been studying art when I was traveling with the army to Germany and Panama. There's so much there to learn." But, she says, the duties of army wife and mother kept her busy

otherwise.

Now Easterwood just enjoys her craft and paints with the Salado artists whenever she can. She started out with oils, later studying in watercolors. "Water colors are so disciplined," she says. "I am just not a disciplined painter."

When she is learning something new, it is probably watercolors, but she falls back on oil painting to be comfortable. She also admits that she got her talent from her mother, and has passed that talent down to her children, saying, "My son especially, who is an architect, loves to draw. And one grandson is very talented."

Easterwood has participated in many art shows over the years, including a one-man show at the Women's Federation Clubhouse. She



Louise Easterwood

also was highlighted on display throughout a Temple Junior College art department show. Her paintings will be on display throughout the month of November.

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Rice will relate for the Rotary Club of Salado the substance of his book, which focuses on high school sports in Baytown and the feats of its sports teams - called the Ganders - at the

Salado Public Library 7 p.m. Nov. 17.

A retired architect, Rice will describe the process of becoming an author. It was started when he had suffered a debilitating stroke, which took away his ability to read and a major portion of his sight. As part of his rehabilitation he started writing short stories, and eventually developed to the point where he is now writing full manuscripts.

Baytown in the early

50's - Rice's high school years - had several champion football, track and other sport champions, which form the basis of the book.

Rice did his undergraduate work at the University of Houston and moved on to earn his Masters Degree in Architecture at Harvard University. He was, however, born and raised in Baytown.

After completing

his education he went on to win national acclaim as an architect with works such as the MD Anderson Medical Facility in Houston, the National headquarters of Southwest Airlines, Warwick Towers in Houston, and a private school in Vermont for which he won a national prize.

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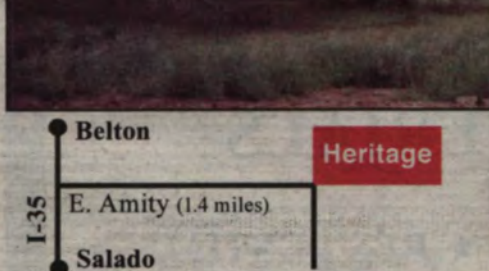


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Magnificent country dream home on 2.14 acres in Salado. Many amenities with tile throughout home. Approx. 3,588 SF with attached garage. Custom built-in shelving in kitchen and study. 3 BR/2 BA. \$398,500.

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Private ranch estate! Austin stone home on over 11 tree-covered acres located southwest of Salado. Thermador appliances, hardwood floors, covered porches, 3 fireplaces. \$785,000. Call First Texas Brokerage at 254-947-5577

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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. Academy schools. 3 BR/2-1/2 BA, \$179,900

Lots and Acreage

25 acres for sale with 2 BR/2 BA home. Salado I.S.D. \$149,000.

Temple: 50+ acres on Seaton Road, one-acre stock tank. Creek good for fishing. Large trees and some wooded acreage. Partially planted in coastal bermuda grass. Lots of wildlife. \$3,750/acre.

.71 acre lot in Royal View \$42,000

2 lots near Belton Lake \$6,500/lot.

25 acres Salado ISD \$4,500/ac.

5 acres, Hidden Springs, \$74,900.

Investment Properties

Near UMHB, Belton, 3 BR/1 BA home. \$74,900.

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Temple brick home on pecan tree-covered lot! 3 BR/2 BA, covered patio and storage shed in shaded backyard. Neighborhood near Midway Drive, so close to everything! \$97,000.



Mill Creek Golf Course just across the street. Open living and kitchen area with fireplace. Three bedroom, two bath with a great master layout. Kitchen has breakfast area with island/bar. Formal living room. Attached garage, separate laundry room. Privacy fenced. \$189,000.

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\$392,900: Private wooded setting. Soaring ceilings and stained concrete floors accent this gorgeous 5 BR/3 BA home. Gas fireplace with slate front and hearth. Granite counterops. Covered patio with surround sound and gas firepit. Too many extras here.



\$389,000: Custom home with all the extras. Tile entryway takes you into a wonderful living area with built-in bookshelves and fireplace. Large open kitchen with island, granite countertops, breakfast bar, and under counter lighting.



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



\$219,900: This 3 or 4 bedroom home has a large open feeling with grand entry. Ceramic tile, custom wood moldings, and plant ledges are a few of the amenities with this home. The enclosed sun porch is an additional breakfast room. Notice the stone work out front.



\$169,900: Walk into a beautiful living room accented by a rock fireplace. Formal dining, breakfast and kitchen are all open to provide for easy conversation and entertaining. Split bedrooms with master separate from two guest BRs.



\$149,800: 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.



\$87,535: Conveniently located near S. 57th St. and 31st St. Near hospitals and shopping. All bedrooms and two full baths are upstairs, 2 living areas downstairs. Recent gas range and dishwasher. Corner lot with fence.

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Acreage Available

- 439 acs. on FM 487, Florence. Oaks, grasslands.
- 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
- 5 wooded acres on Blackberry Rd.
- 5 acres on Sam Neil Lane, perfect for building a custom home.
- 1.1 acre homesite on Lampasas River.

Lots & Home Sites

Mill Creek Lots

- Fletcher Ct. - \$64,000
- Mill Creek Springs I & III - \$30,000-75,000
- Mill Creek Springs IV
- Golf course & hilltop view lots start at \$40,000
- Interior lots start at \$25,000
- The Overlook, estate-sized lots start at \$94,000.

Winner's Circle Lots: Lot 3 Jack Nicklaus \$69,000 Lot 5 Jack Nicklaus \$65,000.

Woods of Salado Lots

- Mountain Dr. - Lot 5B - \$35,000.
- Live Oak Rd. Lots 21A&B \$70,000

Other Lots

- 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 194.
- Denman's Loop: Lot 8, B 19, Sec. 2, \$18,000.
- Terra Bella: 12 estate lots in park-like setting off Armstrong Rd. \$45,000-\$110,000.

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.
- \$149,000: 1.6 acres with good potential for commercial near I-35 & FM 2484.
- \$92,500: Commercial building on Thomas Arnold Rd. close to Salado Schools & I-35.
- \$79,800: Great location for a Salado business, on 0.925 ac. on Center Circle.



\$369,900: Unique Mediterranean style home on .72 acre. Backs up to Mill Creek Golf Course and Smith Branch Creek. Two master suites, wet bar, stainless steel appliances, upgrades throughout entire elegant home.



\$339,900: What dreams are made of! Gorgeous kidney-shaped pool with waterfall accents the fenced back yard. Two living, two dining, 4 bedroom home with an open kitchen for easy entertaining. Manicured, irrigated lawn in Mill Creek Springs.



\$195,900: This home will make you feel at home. Special features include many upgrades: Corning top range, slate floors, ceiling fans, vaulted ceilings, and many more features. This 4 BR/2 BA all-brick home is in Wild Rose.



\$179,600: Beautiful lot in Mill Creek. 3 BR with a loft. Master BR downstairs. Large living area, formal dining and breakfast nook. Wonderful rock fireplace. Wrap-around deck. Native backyard with irrigated front yard.



\$179,500: Located on Mill Creek Golf course. 3 BR/2.5 BA, with beautiful views of Fairway #5 on Creek #2. Large living area with deck overlooking the golf course and pond. Master BR has beautiful views as well.



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515 Indian Trail
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1617 Chaparral
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2105 Smith Bluff
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701 Indian Trail
Secluded contemporary on 1.3 acres in beautiful Salado Creek Place. Rooms with soaring ceilings and large irregular room sizes. 3 BR/3 full Baths. Large living room, formal dining room and a study. Heavily wooded ground with a fabulous stone patio. \$284,000.



1311 Mill Creek Dr.
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The Bell County Democratic Party will hold a General Meeting 6:30 p.m. Nov. 17, at the USDA Services Building, 1605 N. Main St. in Belton.

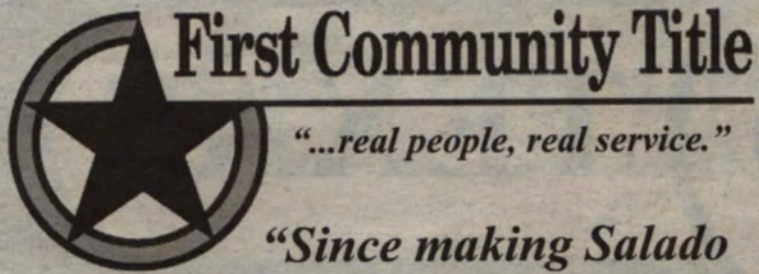
Featured speaker will be Mary Beth Harrell of Killeen who is a candidate for US Congress, District 31. All Democrats are invited to attend.

Following the General meeting, the County Executive Committee will meet to conduct further business.

**Gordon Sullivan
addresses AUSA**

Former Army Chief of Staff, retired Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan is the scheduled speaker for the general membership meeting of the Central Texas-Fort Hood Chapter, Association of the United States Army set for Nov. 18 in Killeen.

The meeting is expected to be attended by corporate CEOs from Texas who will have spent a day at Fort Hood at the invitation of III Corps commander, Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz. Former Dallas quarterback Roger Staubach will attend. The winners of a Harley Davidson



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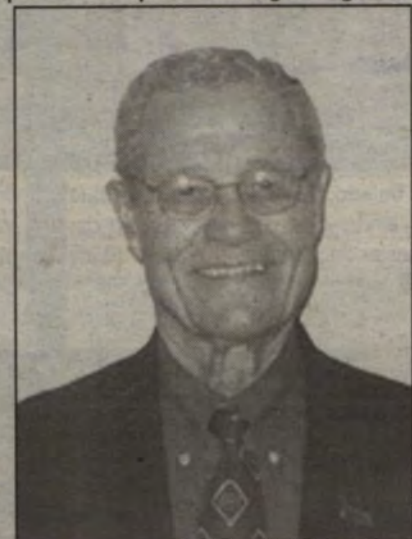
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Homes with Acreage



Grand Home on Estate Lot in Salado. 3/3/2.5. Hardwood floors, raised ceilings, gas fireplace, spacious kitchen and large master suite, all on over 2 acres. Priced at **\$315,000.**



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



Century-old live oaks surround this 4/2.5 home on over 22 acres. Beautifully updated, 12 ft. ceilings, 2 living areas, over 800 ft. of patios, well and water meter. Northwest of Salado. **\$339,000.**

Elegant Country Estates



Private ranch estate! Austin stone home on over 11 tree-covered acres located southwest of Salado. Thermador appliances, hardwood floors, covered porches, 3 fireplaces. **\$725,000.**



Take a step out of the city and enjoy the peaceful 2 acre setting! Granite countertops. Huge family room and bonus room with great location. Convenient to Georgetown, Temple or Killeen. **\$316,900.**



Texas Ranch style home with an incredible Hill Country view! Relax on your own hammock while enjoying your Willingham Creek. This home is a must-see **\$444,900.**

Town and Country Living



East of Salado, this 3/2.5/2 custom home is fully landscaped. Granite countertops, large master bath, gutters and more. Study could be used as 4th bedroom. **\$247,500.**



Enjoy the peaceful setting of this tree-covered lot. 3/2/2 that is close in Salado all for just \$179,900.



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



New Listing: 3/2 manufactured home with excellent location in Salado overlooking Salado Creek. Priced at **\$124,900.**



Clean and Neat on private street. 3/2/2 with open floor plan and fenced yard. **\$144,900.**



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Acreage/Lots

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145 acres northwest of Salado. Backs up to Corps of Engineers property. \$3,500 per acre.
3-5 acre located north of Salado, excellent homesite. **\$58,900.**
2.4 acres northwest of Salado. Excellent homesite. **\$52,900.**
7 acres oak trees, electricity & well, **\$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.**
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Lot 290 Hidden Springs, \$49,000.
Lot 71 Hiddens Springs creek front, \$74,950.
Lot overlooking Salado Creek, **\$50,000.**
Beautiful treed lot, 178' deep, 1219 Indian Trail, Mill Creek, **\$36,000.**
Lot in The Bluffs at Salado Creek, \$45,000.
One of the best lots in Mill Creek. Private with trees. \$59,900.
Royal View lot priced at \$49,900.
Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **\$40,000.**
Indian Trail - 90x188 - **\$38,000.**

Commercial

1.32 acre fronting I-35 with home, **\$350,000**
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.**
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Belton

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