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## Hindsight helpful to analyze year of 2004 in Salado

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
STAFF WRITER

Absent the benefit of hindsight, it might be some years before anyone can accurately say what was going on in 2004.

One thing's for sure, though: there were plenty of issues around to divide people, and both nationally and locally, a fair number to bring them together, as well.

Politics and war gobbled up airtime and print space nationwide for most of the year. The first democratic elections in Afghanistan were held in October, even though the number of registered voters on the books eclipsed the actual electorate. Hamid Karzai, who had been serving as chairman of the interim Afghan govern-

ment, won in a walk.

Saddam Hussein remained in custody, Osama Bin Laden remained elusive and the war on terror continued.

On the homefront, people joined in a consensus that support should be shown for American soldiers, but couldn't have been more acrimonious when it came to the war itself.

And then there was the presidential campaign: oddly entertaining, overly long and, depending on how you ally yourself politically, either gut-wrenchingly disappointing or munificently rapturous.

In Iowa it began in earnest, and for all of about five minutes it seemed as though Howard Dean would be the man for the Democrats. That is until

he unleashed his Neanderthalic berserker wail following his third place finish in the Iowa caucus, at which point he bellowed on stage like an enraged simian. You could almost see his skin turning an Incredible Hulk green. Finding common ground, the American people let out a mutual thank-you to Dean for not ripping his shirt off, Hulk Hogan style. The highlight of the political season, no doubt.

So it was left to the long-faced John Kerry and the weirdly ebullient John Edwards to lose the race to President Bush by three and a half million votes. Young people were expected to make a difference on election day, but instead they slept in. Just 10 percent of 18-24 year-olds turned out to the polls.

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(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Salado Senior Stella Butts was crowned 2004 Homecoming Queen prior to the Salado Eagles game against Troy Trojans Sep. 17. Senior Devon Dunn was crowned Homecoming King during the ceremony.



Flags across the nation, including the United States and Texas flags at Salado Public Library, were lowered to half-staff in memory of Ronald Reagan, who died at age 93 June 5 at his California home. According to former president George H.W. Bush, "I think his greatest triumph was in his very important influence on ending the Cold War — ending it without a shot being fired."



Salado Day in honor of the 1-4 Aviation Regiment of the 1st Infantry Division was July 30. Several hundred soldiers and their families converged on Salado for the afternoon and evening.



Joe and Linda Pehoski were the first to request to be brought into the extra-territorial jurisdiction of Salado. Over 500 requests have been received.



Titia Arledge works with Simon Pinkston at the potter's wheel during the Third Annual Empty Bowl Project Nov. 20. The Empty Bowl raised \$5,000 for the Salado Family Relief Fund as 300 people attended.



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## Happy New Year's

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## The Rummy Haters

President Bush can find new secretaries for the departments of State, Justice, Energy, Health and Human Services, Commerce, Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs, Education and Agriculture, but as long as he leaves Don Rumsfeld at the Defense Department he will not have changed his Cabinet enough to satisfy his critics. No other scalp counts, so long as the hawkish Rumsfeld stays at the Pentagon.

Rumsfeld's detractors say they want his ouster only as a matter of accountability. When something in your bailiwick doesn't go well -- a war, in this case -- it stands to reason that you should get the boot. Except this logic was never applied to Secretary of State Colin Powell. Even though Bush critics argue that the first administration was a diplomatic disaster area, they always hailed its top diplomat.

The latest round of beating on Rumsfeld comes thanks to a challenging question he got in Kuwait from a National Guardsman about the lack of up-armored Humvees. Regular Humvees are thin-skinned and provide little protection, putting a premium on the armored version in Iraq's urban combat zone. Rumsfeld's answer has been portrayed as cold and dismissive. Maureen Dowd of The New York Times even compared it to Gen. Patton's infamous slap of a soldier in a hospital bed.

Rumsfeld explained what the military has been doing to make up the gap in armored Humvees and said the Army is "sensitive to the fact that not every vehicle has the degree of armor that would be desirable." He got applause from the troops when he added: "The other day, after there was a big threat alert in Washington, D.C., in connection with the elections, as I recall, I looked outside the Pentagon and there were six or eight up-armored Humvees. They're not there anymore. They're en route out here." That

### Rich Lowry



is hardly the back of his hand.

The controversy about Humvees is typical of the debate about the conduct of the Iraq War -- there is plenty to criticize, but those doing the criticizing tend to be opportunistic and ahistorical. Wars always produce surprises and unanticipated needs.

The Army initially thought it would need 235 armored Humvees in Iraq. When that number was exposed as absurdly off, it began to make adjustments. Practically every armored Humvee available in the world was sent to Iraq. Production was radically ramped up, going from 15 a month in May 2003 to 450 a month today. Roughly three out of every four Humvees in the combat areas are now armored.

Specialist Thomas Wilson, who asked the question, is being hailed in the press for his bravery. Indeed, asking his question took guts, but there are much more stirring acts of courage by U.S. soldiers every day in Iraq that somehow escape the media's attention.

But the press has its priorities. The old saw used to be that American Jews would ask of anything, "Yes, but is it good for the Jews?" The Rummy-hating media and Left evaluate any Iraq-related event through a similar filter, "Yes, but is it bad for Rumsfeld?"

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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## Happy New Year!!

### Column welcomes 2005 with one prediction plus a novel two-step(\$) idea for Salado

On this penultimate day of the year, *Off The Record* has faint-heartedly decided to **make just one prediction for 2005** - although we promised ourselves last year to avoid all such future "tomfooleries," especially after checking our record over the past 18 years, and discovered a somewhat less-than-triumphant won-loss history. The dismal totals - 35 percent correct and the rest not-so-correct - came after years of stirring up large brews of newt eyes, bat wings, chicken bones and other disgusting items, all absolutely necessary to produce what any soothsayer, worth a Druid's incantation, must have in order to come up with cogent predictions, divinations, and forebodings.

We shall however, retain the one stabilizing adage from antiquity that has kept us going year-after year; in good times and bad: **"When in trouble or in doubt - run in circles scream and shout."**

#### 2005 AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Our sole '05 prognostication deals with Social Security and its "reform" as demanded by President Bush. In fact it is George the Younger's "Numero Uno" priority arising from his November 2 "mandate," which amounted to a 2.9% win over Senator John Kerry, the narrowest reelection margin in history.

Bush plans to "encourage" Congress (translated - harangue his friends and threaten the loyal opposition - if bribery doesn't work) to privatize, through voluntary stock investments, part of each employee's monthly contribution to the Social Security system.

#### SS - THE THIRD RAIL

Social Security has always been near and dear to a vast majority of Americans. Politicians learned the hard way, over the years, to keep "hands off" this federal retirement program. It was (and remains) government's **"third rail,"** as in the rail providing high voltage electric power to railway and subway cars, and shock for lawmakers who tinkered. Many tried and many were sent packing by voters.

Those who claim "privatization" is lean and mean (cost effective), compared to the "bloated" bureaucracies, are toying with the truth. The New York Times reported recently (from a non-partisan study) that the overhead cost of the Social Security Administration is one percent.

Putting worker's money into private accounts, managed by Wall Street associates, could run overhead costs as high as 20%. Fees and "other" private sector expenses are rarely mentioned by those - who like President Bush, are trying to persuade Congress to create a humongous federalized 401 (k) program.

#### TRUST FUND'S REAL PROBLEM

The SS Trust Fund, has been irresponsibly accused by "economic experts" as being on the "verge" of collapse for years. This is pure political "hogwash" and is used to bolster the profitable (privatization) plan that will pour millions into the pockets of Wall Street manipulators, money managers and brokerage houses who sell stocks - that many times portray a less than accurate picture of how companies are actually doing.

The Trust Fund could be (and should be) generating millions of additional dollars, if Congress had not allowed agencies within the government to "borrow" from the fund with only worthless "promissory notes" as collateral.

#### SIMPLE SOLUTION

A straightforward way to resolve the

### Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



financial future of the Social Security system, would be to remove the current \$87,900 salary cap and place the SS tax on every dollar a person earns. This would guarantee a Trust Fund large enough to provide a decent retirement for all qualified workers well into the next century.

That's not likely to happen since Bush vehemently denounced the idea last week - even before he heard the banshee howls from his wealthy supporters.

But let's face facts - the plan to privatize some of the SS contribution is a deceptive stratagem designed to eventually demolish the overall social security program - a long term goal by extremists in the GOP political hierarchy and those who bankroll (and thus control) these hard-liners.

#### '05 PREDICTION

**Based on the foregoing - our '05 prediction is that the President's plan to privatize a portion of the American worker's Social Security contributions will fail, but only after a major Congressional donnybrook - that will follow an unprecedented public uproar.**

#### CHANGE OF PACE

Last week a story raced across the front pages of newspapers world-wide. It reported that a lady from Dallas paid Austin's "Genetic Savings and Clone" \$50,000 for a cloned replica of her beloved 17 year old cat that died last year.

DNA from deceased "Nicky" created "Little Nicky" and the cat-loving lady from Big-D happily forked over the "50-gees" for a reproduced kitty-cat that looked a lot like most other nondescript felines temporarily residing in animal shelters or wandering the streets of most towns.

#### TWO-STEP IDEA

Now - here's how to put **"people with more money than good sense"** together with what has to be an **over-supply of homeless "Felis Domesticus"** (scientific nomenclature for a plain old cat) while helping to solve a looming Salado school building need.

#### NEW HS BADLY NEEDED

We all know (or should) that Salado school officials need to build a new high school at a cost voters will accept when bond election time rolls around. Or face half-day sessions in the near term.

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Dogs could be next and with that huge supply of night-yappers available, we could construct a sports complex rivaling the pros. All **gratis** and again with the added bonus of having no more hungry, noisy and destructive canines roving our streets and byways.

**A brand new idea - for a brand new year.**

We require no thanks or reward for these ideas. Just another public service **from your oft maligned "liberal media," who survive only to serve the public interest, while keeping right wingers vigilant and on eternal edge!**

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# FORUM

## Taxes? Who really pays? It starts with a 'C'

BY DELL GIBSON

In the wake of the decisive victory of the GOP there is a lot of conversation and speculation about restructuring the federal taxation situation. Everyone agrees that the IRS is a disaster. The progressive income tax is inherently unfair to one segment or another and the administration of the absurdly complicated system is outrageously expensive and inefficient. Only liberals like it because it provides a high caliber weapon in their class warfare arsenal.

So, who actually pays the taxes? The short answer is: the consumer pays the taxes. Ultimately, the consumer always pays all the taxes, directly or indirectly. How can that be? Please follow the logic.

Virtually every penny of income tax is claimed on some corporate tax return as a cost and included in the computation of the selling price of the product or service provided. Consider, when a company offers a job and determines the gross wage or salary, the HR department computes the take home pay necessary to be competitive in the labor market. The marketing department adds the corporate taxes and the accounting and legal fees attendant to the greedy grasp of the IRS. All payroll costs are plugged in when determining the price of a product or service. It starts with the raw material, then the manufacturer, the wholesaler and the

retailer, each adding their tax portion. Imagine how much less we would have to pay for all products and services if these costs were eliminated.

Just imagine the annual amount spent on tax accountants, tax lawyers, the tax lobby, and the tax return printing expense, the labor cost in typing and filing, the postage, and on and on. And let's not forget the salaries and expenses of the thousands of IRS employees, including the offices they occupy. Now toss in the legal fees and court costs for all the litigation that flows from

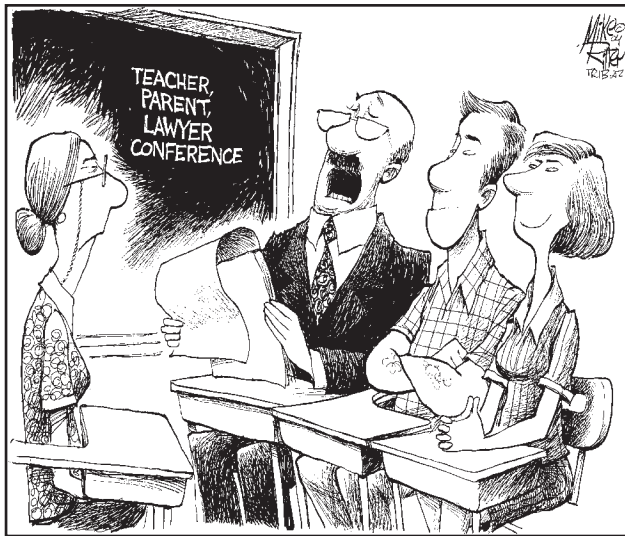

the inconsistencies of the tax code. Without boring you with the numbers, it has been estimated that the tax code adds about 25 percent to the cost of everything we buy.

Collection costs and tax evasion represent about five percent making 20 percent workable tax rate for a consumption based system. That could be phased in at two percent a year giving 10 years for retraining tax workers for productive jobs and attrition. As a sop to the

liberals, most people could live with an additional five percent flat tax for the personal income recipients in the top 20 percent, no hedges, dodges, or deductions.

Oh, and by the way, all those multimillion dollar lawsuits against corporations that make the trial lawyers so much...they are added to the cost of doing business and passed along to consumers also. Consumers...that's us.

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Orchestra Rehearsal	4:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	5:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service	6:15 p.m.
		Team Kid (Age 3 - 6th grade)	6:00 p.m.
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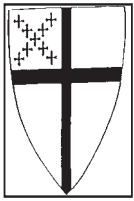
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## Former Salado resident

# Ret. Col. Carl Taylor passes

Carl E. Taylor, Col. USAF (Ret) died Dec. 24, 2004 in a San Antonio hospital from complications of surgery. He was 89. A former resident of Salado, he was a rancher, a Rotarian, a Daedalian and a member of the Episcopal Church.

A grave side funeral was conducted by Father

Tim Vellom at the Salado Cemetery Dec. 27.

Carl Taylor entered the USAF from Texas A&M in 1941 and served as a fighter pilot in a heroic group who fought early in WWII in New Guinea, and later served in the Korean War and in Viet Nam.

His military awards included the Distinguished

Flying Cross, many Air Medals, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Mary Jane Taylor; two daughters, Cheryl Taylor, of Waco, and Cindy Nauert and husband Dr. Craig Nauert, as well as grandsons Austin and Travis, all of Memphis, TN.



Ret. Col. Carl Taylor

# Georgie Street services held Dec. 24

Georgie Elizabeth Brewer Street passed away Dec. 22, 2004 in Temple. Funeral services were held Dec. 24 at Heartland Funeral Home in Early,

with Rev. Grady Brittain officiating. Burial followed at Eastlawn Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 8, 1922, in May, Brown County, to Harry A. and Etta J. (Wheeler) Brewer. She grew up in the May community and was a member of the May Methodist Church. She graduated from May High School and was valedictorian of Daniel Baker College in 1943.

She married Ross Street July 4, 1943, in Camp Bowie, GA. She taught at May High School

and Rising Star High School, while he served overseas during WWII. He preceded her in death in 1984. Beginning in 1948, she worked for 13 years for Rising Star Hospital and Dr. Ben Bradley and his clinic. Later she worked as a Laboratory Medical Technologist at Brownwood's Memorial and Community Hospitals. For the last five years, she had lived with her daughter in Salado. She was a member of the Salado United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church of

Early, and had served as President in UMW and CWU in Brownwood.

She was also a member of the Owen's Family Community Club and Owens Extension Club. In Salado, she was a member of the Monday Club, Prime Timers Group and was Shepherd at her church.

Survivors are two daughters: Marietta Dobbins, of Highland's Branch, CO, and Sara Beth Oyler, of Salado. She is also survived by four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



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# Arveta Sparks dies Dec. 23

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Services for Sparks were held Dec. 27 at the Scanio-Harper Funeral

Home Chapel with Minister Jeff Scott and Minister Lloyd Hall officiating. Burial followed at Bellwood Memorial Park.

Sparks was born in Stephenville, the daughter of Rector Lee and Vennie Z. Shaw Davison. She was a retired administrative secretary for Leonard Brothers Department Store in Ft. Worth. She has been a resident of Ft. Worth, Azle and Granbury. She had been a resident of Temple since 1997.

She was a member of the Granbury Garden Club, the Granbury Bridge Club was a Ladies Bible Class teacher. She was a life long member of the Church of Christ.

She married Jack

Sparks, March 31, 1939 in Cleburne.

She is survived by her husband, Jack Sparks, of Temple; two sons, Gary Sparks, of Dallas, and Delvin Sparks of Salado. She is also survived by one brother, Jimmy L. Davison, of Abilene; four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and by two brothers, William Davison and R.C. Davison.

The family requests that all memorials be made to the Cherokee Home for Children, P. O. Box 295, Cherokee, TX 76832-9989, or the Alzheimer Association, P.O. Box 4829, Austin, TX 78765.

# Roberson services today

Funeral services for Homer Roberson, 70, of Salado, will be held 3 p.m. Dec. 30, at the Dossman Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Joe Bentley officiating.

Roberson died Dec. 25, 2004 in a Temple hospital.

Homer Roberson was born Oct. 28, 1934 in Delhi, LA, the son of Homer Douglas Roberson and Susie Taylor Roberson. He retired from the United State Air Force.

Survivors include his wife, Madolyn Rober-

son, of Salado, five sons, Homer Roberson Jr., of Lubbock, Rodney Lester, of Salado, Rickey Lester, of Salado, Ronald Lester, of Belton, and Roy Lester, Jr., of Academy; two daughters, Dee Richardson, of Florida, and Brenda, Hodges of Salado. He is also survived by a brother, Douglas Roberson, of Louisiana, sister, and Ruth Roberson, of Little Rock, AR, as well as 16 grandchildren.

Dossman Funeral Home of Belton is in charge of arrangements.



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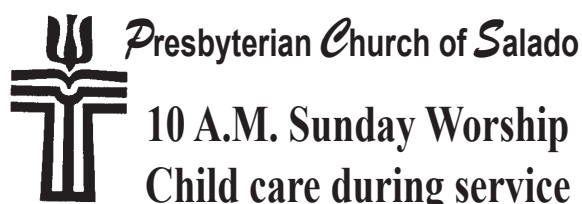
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Bible Study • 6 p.m.

Wednesday Praise & Prayer • 7:00 p.m.

# Trustees to mull bond Jan. 4

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado ISD Trustees have called a special board meeting and bond planning workshop for 6 p.m. Jan. 4 at the Salado Civic Center.

Trustees will consider approving the projects, budget and propositions for the proposed school bond election.

Trustees postponed calling a bond election for February, opting instead to call the bond election for April. Trustees looked at two election calendars during their regular meeting Dec. 13 and will call the April 9 by Feb. 6.

B the board calls the election, board members will work with architectural firm Fields and Associates and the construction manager at-risk Baird-Williams to develop bond package(s) for voter consideration.

The board will look more closely at the preliminary cost estimates to find areas where cuts can be made.

"If we cut, we are going to be cutting items, not just dollars," said board member Trey Little during a Dec. 13 meeting, adding that the board needs to give the architect clear direction on what it wants.

Fields and Associates developed the preliminary drawings and estimates from input from the Facilities Committee of the Board and input from the citizens committee that has met a handful of times over the past two years to discuss facility needs in the school district.

During a Dec. 9 workshop, trustees mulled several issues, including a dollar amount that they felt the community would support, a date to set the election and what proposals the community would

support.

Trustee Jeff Kelley said that he would like for the board to "find a way to keep the tax rate somewhere between \$1.79 and \$1.85."

To do that, the bond proposal for construction of the high school and renovations of the elementary school would have to be cut by at least 20 percent.

Looking at the proposed budgets for individual projects, one could easily assume that an auditorium, a new football stadium and moving the baseball and softball fields will not be top priorities since those projects total more than \$7 million when combined.

Building a new high school and renovating the elementary school are top priorities for the board, as it looks at growth for the next decade.

Operation costs of a new campus will also be

on the mind of trustees and voters as the days wind down to a bond election for construction of a new high school.

The district's current M&O tax rate is \$1.412. The current interest and sinking (I&S) tax rate is 16.8¢, bringing the total tax rate to \$1.58.

If trustees approve a \$20 million bond package, the impact on the local tax rate could range from \$1.9048 for a 30-year bond to \$1.9628 for a 25-year bond. The \$1.9048 is based on 10 percent growth in the local property values in the next year. The \$1.9628 is the worst-case scenario, based on a 25-year bond with no growth in property values in the next year.

Trustees will meet again on Jan. 4 to mull the numbers, designs and proposals. The meeting is open to the public at the Salado Civic Center.

## Presbyterians to host class on intro to Islam

Dr. Bob Volle and Lyle Radebaugh will be starting a seven-session class on an introduction to Islam, 11 a.m. Jan. 6 at the Presbyterian Church of Salado. The classes will be one hour long and will

be held and will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

The first class will cover the purpose and scope of the series, and will also include a brief video on the Islamic faith. Subsequent

sessions will continue to explore to faith of Islam; the early history of Islam and Islamic law; Christian Crusades; and Islam in modern Iran. The last class will study Eurabia, the future of Europe in the

face of immigration from Islamic nations.

According to class organizers, Dr. Volle has held previous classes for the community, all of which have been well attended.

## Red Cross blood drive to be part of Old Mill

### Pizza's customer appreciation day Jan. 1

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 1 in the Red Cross bloodmobile, which will be at Old Mill Pizza, located in Salado Plaza.

All eligible and potential new donors are encouraged to give the "gift of life."

The drive will be a part of Old Mill's customer appreciation day.

"January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month," according to Richard Kahabka of Old Mill Pizza. "Stressing the importance of blood donation is very important as a new year begins. It is an excellent time for members of the public to resolve to make giving blood a regular habit."

He continued by saying

local blood supplies are traditionally low at this time of year. The holidays and uncertain weather always take their toll and the Red Cross must work during this time of year to make sure there is an adequate supply of blood on the shelf.

"The Red Cross claims that in 2005, the country will need approximately 38,000 units of blood each day to meet the needs of the ill and injured. If those who are occasional blood donors would resolve to give just twice a year, the strain on the blood supply would be greatly eased," Kahabka added.

A person is eligible to give blood if they are in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and have reached their 17th birth-

day. Giving blood takes less than an hour. Each donor is asked a series of questions related to their ability to give blood, and then undergoes a mini-physical which tests temperature, iron level and blood pressure. The actual time of donation is generally seven-to-10 minutes for most people.

The drive is open to the community, and walk-ins are welcome.

All donors will receive a complimentary personal pizza. In addition, a live radio remote will be held from noon-3 p.m., and anyone bringing a canned good for the Salado Food Pantry will receive a \$1 off pizza coupon. For the entire day, Old Mill will offer buy one, get one free pizza specials, and

Boulders Sports Climbing Center will offer free rock wall climbing.

Also, a number of local businesses have donated items for door prizes. These include: Lastovica Fine Jewelers, Ocean Quest Pools, Boulders Sports Climbing Center, Mud Pies Pottery, Uniquely Europe, Temple Tint, Strawberry Patch, Charlotte's of Salado, Angelic Herbs and Inspirations, Salado Silver Spur Theater, Salado Chiropractic, Donham's Studio of Arts, Horsefeathers, B. Herd Gallery, M.J.'s Country Store, Alice's of Salado, Our Country Treasures, and more.

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The 1114th Signal Battalion held its Christmas party at Jack's Barn on Dec. 17. Shown above are (from left) Karen Sheppard, Dennis K. Sheppard (Deputy DOIM), Roger DeWeese, Lisa DeWeese and Tracy Massey.

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## Eagles open district play Dec. 21 with big win over #19 Academy

In Salado's district opener versus Academy, head basketball coach Tom Long got something out of senior Devon Dunn he had yet to this season: a breakout performance offensively.

Dunn scored a season-best 20 points to help Salado overcome a sloppy first five minutes of play and eventually go on to a 66-46 win over the 19th-ranked Bees on the Eagles' home court.

The Dec. 21 triumph was the biggest thus far for fourth-ranked Salado, giving them an edge over the squad that figured, along with Lexington, to be the Eagles' biggest roadblocks in their run to repeat as district champs.

In the game's early moments, everything that could go right for Academy did. Taking advantage of botched coverages, the Bees came out and hit on 11 of their first 14 shots of the game, including several wide-open three pointers.

Long explained the uncharacteristic breakdown in Salado's typically swarming defense: "We just weren't mentally in it in the first five minutes. It took a little while for us to

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Kelsey Gobin defends the perimeter in Salado's 64-41 loss to Academy.



Jenny Goode (left) and Kate Marshall converge on Academy's Heather Lisenbe. (PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)

## Lady Eagles suffer first district loss, fall to Academy 64-41

The Salado Lady Eagles have had their fill of Academy for the time being. With two games against their district rivals in the span of a few weeks, Salado again took the court against the Lady Bees Dec. 21, but this time with a bit more on the line.

Salado - out to a 2-0 start to district play - met Academy, also 2-0, with each squad looking to gain the upper-hand in the all-important district standings.

Unfortunately for the Lady Eagles, Salado had a difficult time containing the Academy triumvirate of Heather Lisenbe, Jennifer Mraz and Caitlyn Barganier, who scored 17, 15 and 10 points, respectively in a 64-41 win. The previous two contests between the teams both went to overtime, with Salado winning the first and Academy taking the second.

Lisenbe's offensive production to open the game helped the Lady Bees take an early lead that they would not relinquish. Lisenbe poured in nine of her game-high 17 in the first period, while Salado senior Jenny Goode scored six of Salado's 10 opening points. In the second, Kate Marshall did her best to help Salado claw back into the game, scoring eight points, but the Lady Eagle defense allowed 24 points in that frame - coming from six different Academy players.

The Lady Bees got it done inside and out, hitting a trio of three pointers in the second and going 6-8 from the line on their way to 40-21 lead at the half.

Salado could do no more to chip in to the halftime deficit in the third and fourth periods, as Academy expanded their lead to 56-33 at the end of three, en route to a 23-point win.

One bright spot for Salado was the play of Kate Marshall, who scored a team-high 15 points

- including shooting 7-8 from the free throw line. Goode was held below her season average, finishing the game with 10 points. Also scoring for Salado were Kelsey Gobin and Nicole Weatherly, who both scored six, and Kelsey Smith, whose three points came on a deep ball in the third. Rounding out the scorers for Salado was freshman Lauren Haire, who had one point in her first game back from a wrist injury.

The loss dropped Salado to 10-5 overall, 2-1 in district.

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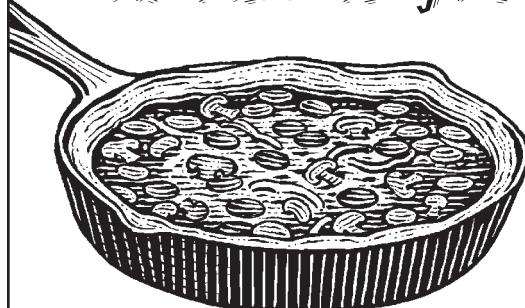
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Jan. 5: Pizza, yogurt and fruit plate, hoagie, corn, breadstick, peaches, milk.

Jan. 6: Chicken fajitas, chef salad, hoagie, ranch style beans, sugar cookies, fresh fruit, milk.

Jan. 7: Cheeseburger on roll, oven fries, burger salad, chef salad, hoagie, applesauce, milk.

### Lunch Salado Intermediate & High Schools

Jan. 3: Beef and bean burrito, chili dog, chef salad, pizza, tater tots, baked potato, ranch style beans, fresh fruit, green beans, pears, milk.

Jan. 4: Vegetable lasagna, hamburger on bun, pizza, chef salad, frito lay, corn, fresh fruit, pineapple tidbits, peas, garlic bread, burger salad, milk.

Jan. 5: Pizza, chicken fried chicken, chef salad, roasted red potatoes, baked potato, burger salad, corn, fresh fruit, breadstick, peaches, milk.

Jan. 6: Chicken fried steak, nachos, pizza, chef salad, peas and carrots, fresh fruit, mixed fruits, rolls, mashed potatoes with gravy, milk.

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# Lady Eagles

One would have thought that following a tough loss on their home court, the Lady Eagles might draw a little bit of luck in their opening round game of the Gates-

ville Tournament, which began Dec. 27. Such was not the case.

Head Coach Scott Copeland's girls opened tourney play against Class 4A University High, out of

Waco, a team favored to win their district.

The result was what you might expect when a 2A team has to play way up in classification. University had no problems dispatching an overmatched Lady Eagle team, winning by a score of 71-39.

University went up big early in this one, building a 24-10 advantage after the first period of play. Salado didn't give up, coming back with 11 points in the second to University's 16, but still faced a daunting 21-40 deficit at halftime.

With the game basically in hand, University chose to keep up the pressure, dropping in 31 additional points on Salado, resulting in the 71-39 final.

No Salado player scored in double-digits in



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the game. Kelsey Smith had eight points, Marshall had seven and Haire contributed six. Also scoring were Kristen Smith and Jenny Goode, who both had five, Nicole Weatherly, four, Tamra Stanish, two, and Brittany Gilchrest, two.

Relegated to the loser's bracket following their round one loss, Salado rebounded convincingly over Tarkington, thanks to a stellar 28-point performance from Goode. The point guard's season-best offensive effort paved the way for the Lady Eagles' 56-34 win Dec. 27.

As an additional bit of good news for Salado, for the round two game the Lady Eagles welcomed senior Brittany Boydston - an all-district performer

a year ago - back into the lineup. Boydston had missed all of the season thus far with a knee injury, and was not expected to return until some time in January.

Tarkington - hailing from some 50 miles north of Houston - actually played Salado close in the first period, as the Lady Eagles enjoyed a slim 13-11 lead entering the second.

It was in the second that Goode warmed up, however, dropping in 10 of her 16 first-half points. Four other Salado players also scored in the second, propelling the Lady Eagles to a 31-20 halftime advantage.

The Salado defense the picked up the pressure in the second half, limiting

Tarkington to a paltry 14 points in the third and fourth periods.

Behind Goode's 28 points, Kelsey Smith contributed 11 (nine of those on three pointers), while Marshall and Weatherly both scored six points. Also scoring were Haire and Stanish, who each had two, and Boydston, who finished with one point.

Salado played its third-round game the afternoon of Dec. 28, in a game that took place after press-time.

The Lady Eagles will not play another district game until Jan. 4, when they will hit the road to take on 14th-ranked Lexington. They will, however, play a non-district game versus Liberty Hill at home Dec. 31, in a game that tips off at 11 a.m.

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settle down," he said.

After the first, the Eagles trailed the visitors - despite 10 points from Travis Clark - by five, 26-21.

As Long stated, Salado did settle down in the second, surrendering just 11 points to Academy and evening the game at 37-all going into the half.

Whatever Long told his players at halftime got the job done, as the Eagles emerged from the lockers and totally stymied the Academy offense that had been so hot to start the game. The Bees were limited to only two points

in the entire third, while Salado, spreading the scoring around, was able to open up a 54-39 advantage heading into the final period of play.

Needing to score a load of points in a hurry, and to hold Salado to very few, Academy accomplished neither in the fourth, as missed free throws and lax defense enabled the Eagles to pull away for the 20-point win.

Dunn's 20 points led all scorers, while Travis Clark - whose all-around game has taken off this season - chipped in 18 points. His younger brother, Ryan,

came off the bench and scored 11 points, while James Gregurek scored eight and Nick Everett had six.

The boys will take their 10-4 overall record to Lubbock to compete in the Caprock Tournament, which began Dec. 29 and will conclude Dec. 31.

*Note: Matt Caskey's broken foot is reportedly healing well, and there is a chance that the senior point guard could return to the court as soon as Jan. 11, when Salado will tip-off against district rival Rogers.*

## Junior Varsity

Both JV basketball squads faced Academy Dec. 21, and both came away with rather convincing wins. The A team won their game 47-24, while the B team, in even more convincing fashion, drubbed the outclassed Bees by a score of 54-3. That's not a misprint.

In the A team game, the two teams were actually tied 8-8 after the first period, but eight points is all Academy would muster in the first half, as Salado blanked the Bees in the second and opened up a 23-8 lead. The Eagles continued to put up points in the second half, all the while holding Academy in check, which allowed Salado to roll to a 23-point win.

Tanner Myers led Salado with 11 points, while Noah Harbison scored nine, and Won Im, Justin Konzen and Chad Tumey all had six. Also scoring were Blake Newman, five, and Stephen Quick and Chris Redman, two apiece.

The B team's game was a rout from the beginning. Academy didn't score in the first period, and their only points of the entire contest came in the second - the conclusion of which had them trailing Salado 32-3.

David Rosenau was an offensive force, scoring 25 points (including four three-pointers) to lead Salado. Greg Faber accounted for 14 points, while Clay Sharum scored eight points, Seth Collins had three and Josh Caldwell chipped in two.

The JV squads will next play Jan. 4 in Lexington, with games beginning at 5 p.m.

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# Look Back at '04

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Running unopposed, erstwhile village alderman Rick Ashe was appointed as the second mayor in Salado's modern history, succeeding Charlotte Douglass. Ashe became just the third mayor in Salado's existence - the first being Judge O.T. Tyler, who was sworn into office way back in 1867. Moving up to mayor meant that Ashe's unexpired alderman position was left vacant. Jack Schrock, then president of the Salado Chamber of Commerce, was selected by the board to serve out the remainder of Ashe's term.

Also in May, incumbent aldermen Suzi Epps and Michael Cooper were both reelected to their positions, while the Salado ISD Board of Trustees welcomed two new members to three-year terms: Chris Seaton and Lynn Renfro.

Hulda Horton was returned to her position on the Salado Public Library Board, and Ben Willingham and Connie Cryar were voted to fill the other contested positions.

Without question, it was impossible to live in Salado in 2004 without hearing something about annexation and the rather obtuse sounding "extra territorial jurisdiction."

And Saladoans have the city councils of Belton and Killeen to thank for what resulted in a true display of grass roots organization.

In a story that was first reported in *Salado Village Voice*, local property owners north and west of incorporated Salado discovered they were being eyed by larger cities such as Belton and Killeen for non-voluntary annexation into the ETJ's of those communities.

Needless to say, these property owners, on land historically considered Salado, searched for ways to halt the incursion.

They found their only recourse was voluntarily petitioning the village for acceptance into Salado's ETJ. Because Salado - with an incorporated area of only two square miles - cannot annex at-will, individual property owners had to take the initiative. But in order for a property to be accepted, it had to first be contiguous to Salado's existing ETJ.

This led to neighbors banding together for a common cause. In the Woods of Salado subdivision, for example, a website ([woodsofsalado.org](http://woodsofsalado.org)) was launched and residents literally went door-

to-door to inform their neighbors of the situation.

It worked, for them and others. To date, the Village of Salado has approved over 500 annexation requests, from areas north, south, east and west of the village.

The local movement gained wide coverage not just in the hometown paper, but in media outlets from all over Central Texas.

The Bell County Commissioners Court had something of a rough year. Following the Sep. 2003 defeat of a \$61.1 million bond to fund the construction of a new district courts/jail complex, the court trimmed down the original and presented a \$46.1 million bond to the public in May, which was also voted down. Proponents of the bond had lobbied vigorously in support of its passing, but an equally vocal group pushed the other way, and ultimately won out.

As an interesting aside, not long after the bond election, a small fire broke out in the county courts building, causing a total evacuation.

Similarly, the actions of the SISD board of trustees were not without controversy, either. In June, the board approved the purchase of 50 acres of land, at \$10,000 per acre, off Williams Dr. and FM 2484, for the construction of a new high school.

The board made the decision to acquire the land based on recommendations from a citizen-committee formed to explore future needs.

At a town hall meeting Dec. 6, the board was presented with an \$18.5 million cost estimate for a new high school to hold 550 students. Costs were also given for the construction of a new football stadium, baseball and softball fields, tennis

courts, auditorium and renovations to the elementary school, among other things.

It was originally thought that the board would call a bond election for Feb. 2005, but following the town hall meeting trustees decided to postpone the election until April 9, giving them more time to rework the package and scale down the cost to something more palatable for voters.

As for the school itself, there was no shortage of stories. The Salado boys basketball team, coached by Tom Long, had a historic season in 2003-04, winning 30 games against just four losses, notching 18 consecutive wins at one point, going undefeated in district and making it to the third round of the playoffs. The boys were defeated by eventual state-semifinalist Hitchcock in a thrilling overtime game. The Lady Eagles basketball team also made the postseason - making it 11 straight years the girls qualified for the playoffs under Larry Salisbury. To the surprise of many in the community, Salisbury resigned at the end of the school year. He was replaced by Scott Copeland, a 1983 graduate of Salado High School.

Also keeping with tradition, the Salado

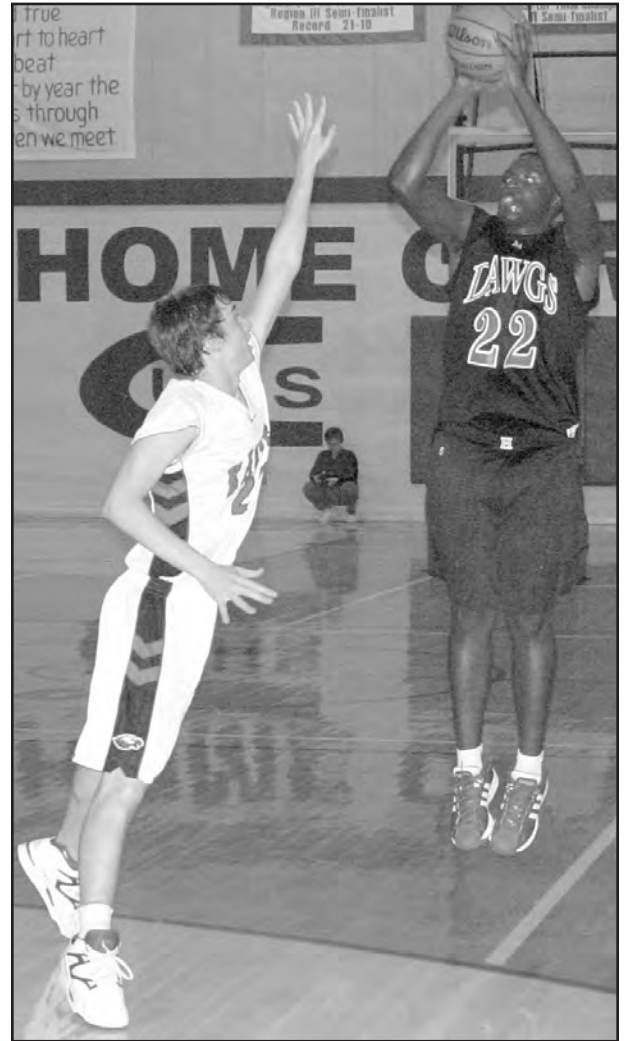
hardballers, under Coach Melvin Bates, returned to the playoffs, but were ousted in the first round by Blanco. Following a stellar senior season, Scott Bates was named to the all-state team for the third time. Bates registered a .610 batting average in 2004, the highest on record in Salado, and had a 1.16 ERA with seven complete games on the mound.

Then-junior Nick Everett won gold at the state track meet in the 3200m run, and earned a silver in the 1600m run - setting school records in both events. Pole vaulter Brinn Newman failed in her attempt to finally win a gold medal at the state meet, but did gain a silver - marking her third pole vaulting medal (one silver, two bronze). Newman is now a member of the Baylor University track team.

Also at the state meet, then-freshman Chelsea Ervi came from last place to second in the 1600m run to take the silver. In addition, both Salado track teams were district champs. For the boys, that meant breaking a two-decade old dry spell in track and field.

The Salado boys golf team also had a memorable year, as Coach Bobby Peschel led his young

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Josh Wright arrives a little too late to prevent Hitchcock's Dante McDaniel from knocking down a three. Hitchcock went on to the State Final Four in Austin.

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# Plan your investment moves wisely when focusing on the New Year

## Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



Each New Year, most of us vow to improve in one aspect or another of our lives. However, we don't always rush into carrying out our resolutions. But if you've promised yourself that "this is the year" that you're really going to stay on top of your financial and investment situations, you'll want to get started now.

Start by reviewing your family and career circumstances. Will there be any significant changes in your life in 2005? If so, they almost certainly will have an impact on how you save and invest. Consider these types of factors:

\* New child - If you've recently added a child to your family, or you're going to add one in 2005, you have a lot to be happy about. And you also have a lot to protect. So, make sure that you have enough life insurance to help raise and educate your child, should something happen to you. Also, it's never

too soon to set up a college fund for a child, so you might want to open a Section 529 plan or a Coverdell Education Savings Account.

\* Child heading to college - If your child is heading off to college next fall, it's time to put your college-funding strategies in high gear. Now that it's past January 1, you can complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Also, you may want to shift some assets from your child's name to yours; colleges typically expect students to contribute 35 percent of their money toward college expenses - but you are only required to kick in around 5.6 per-

cent. And you'll want to contribute as much as you can to whatever investments you've designated for college.

\* Salary increase - Are you getting a raise this year? If so, try to invest at least part of it. For example, you may want to increase your contributions to your IRA or 401(k). Both these retirement-savings vehicles offer tax advantages and a range of investment options. Furthermore, both have higher contribution limits in 2005, so, even if you "maxed out" last year, you can put in more this year.

\* Retirement - If you're planning to retire in 2005, you have many issues to

consider. You may need to take distributions from your employer-sponsored retirement plan or your IRA. You might also have to decide whether or not you should begin accepting Social Security. And you'll want to ensure that your investment portfolio is properly balanced for your retirement years. Keep in mind that you may enjoy a healthy, active retirement for two or three decades, so you'll still need your investments to provide you with growth opportunities, as well as current income. Your investment and tax advisors can help you determine the best moves to make as you enter retirement.

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## Steps to avoid pricing pitfalls

## Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

Ready to sell, but confused about pricing? No matter what you hear elsewhere, pay close attention to any advice that a real estate professional offers. Remember that the agent doesn't set the price - you do. Make sure you understand all the facts before making your decision.

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a home that sells in just a few days was probably underpriced? You'd be wrong - obviously, the home was perfectly priced! If the sellers - and the buyers - did their homework, they probably found out exactly what other homes in the area listed for, sold for, and didn't sell for. Homes priced at "fair market value" stand a great chance for an early sale.

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squad all the way to the state meet, where they placed seventh. The team will return every member in 2005.

With only two years of competition under their belts, then-junior Laura-Lee Young and sophomore Shae Janda both competed in the girls powerlifting state meet. The girls each placed fifth in their respective weight classes, representing huge strides for a fledgling program.

And although the football team missed the playoffs by one game this season, the Eagle JV recorded a perfect 10-0 campaign, outscoring their opponents 280-53. They became the first known undefeated football team in the school's history.

Salado's successes weren't limited to athletic pursuits, however. The Salado High School Number Sense Team, under Dennis Cabaniss, won UIL state gold for the sixth consecutive year, and the Academic Team finished second in the sweepstakes, halting a streak of four straight overall championships for Salado. In addition, Garrett Askins earned the gold in the poetry interpretation category.

The Salado Drama Team, under the direction of Gary Askins, took their production of Michael Cristofer's "Amazing Grace" all the way to regionals - an historic accomplishment for the school. One judge commented that the performance was "one of the best ensemble productions I have seen."

In May, the aforementioned Brinn Newman was named SHS valedictorian, while Stephanie Kinsey was designated salutatorian.

As a way to honor those who serve our country, in particular the members of Salado's adopted military battalion - the 1-4 Aviation Battalion - the village hosted a Military Appreciation Day in July, where soldiers and their families were presented with discounts throughout



Salado Methodists dedicated the cornerstone at the site on which Salado United Methodist Church will build its new facility in June. Rev. Grady Brittain stands at the stone, which was taken from the Capps Ranch in Salado.

Salado, and were treated with a free performance of "Salado Legends."

The Empty Bowl Project, which raises money for the Salado Family Relief Fund, and the Salado Education Foundation's Chisholm Trail Cattle-men's Ball fundraiser were also held in the fall, both of which serve worthy causes. In addition, the second annual Salute to Texas Educators was held in September, which saw local businesses offer door prizes and discounts for the state's teachers.

Other newsworthy items from 2004 included the Salado United Methodist Church celebrating its Sesquicentennial, an occasion which culminated in a November banquet where several past pastors of the church reminisced with the congregation.

Also, the Salado Water Supply Corporation received a \$1.8 million loan from the USDA Rural Development Program in October. SWSC plans to use the funds to construct

21,000 linear feet of pipeline, a ground storage tank and pump station and an elevated storage tank, all part of a long-term construction and improvement project.

And on a somber note, the village lost a leading citizen in 2004, when bank founder S.R. Greenwood passed away April 10 at age 84. Greenwood, a WWII veteran, was founding chairman of Salado National Bank (now First State Bank Central Texas) in 1979, and was a former president of the Texas Bankers Association.

He was also a past president of the Salado Chamber of Commerce and the Salado Lions Club, in addition to holding positions on a wide number of professional, civic and service organizations.

Also passing away in 2004 was Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States. His determined leadership style is credited with accelerating the downfall of the Soviet Union, and he oversaw the country's longest period of peacetime prosperity without inflation or depression. To many Americans, the affable Reagan ranks among the most revered presidents to ever hold office.

As best we can remember, those are the notable moments of 2004, although commenting on a year that has just gone by is a lot like being in a hurry while packing for a trip: something has probably been left out.

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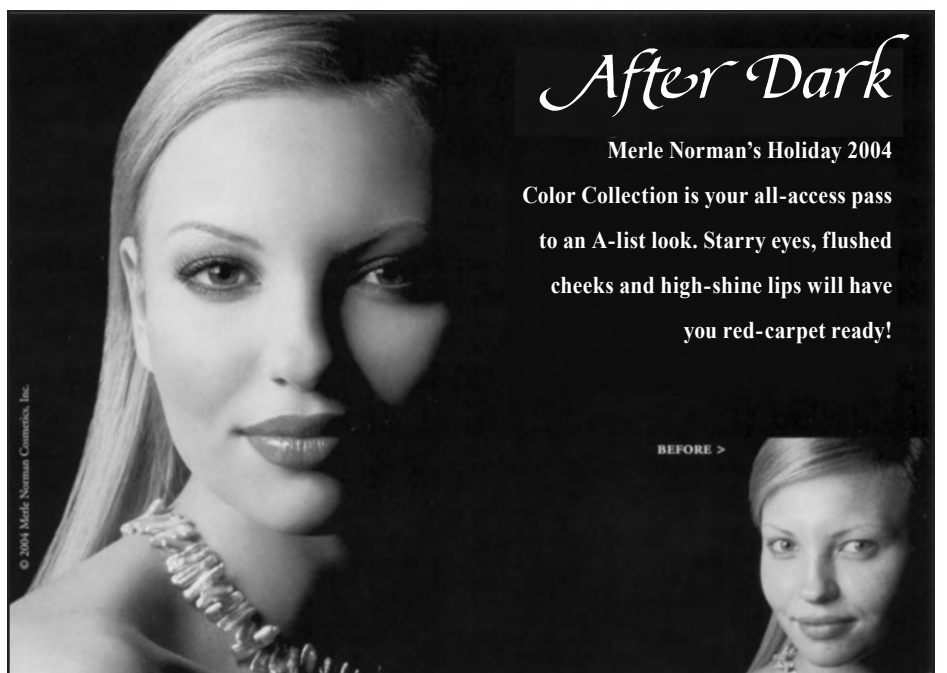
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Landon Wightman (left) is pictured along with his mother, Leslie, and Randy Bloomer.



From left: Joe Bridger, Randy Bloomer and Landon Wightman. (PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

## Bloomer makes teen's wish come true

A Salado company played the role of Santa

Claus for a 17-year-old young man from Ivanhoe during the holidays.

Landon Wightman, who was diagnosed in January with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, was clear about his wishes. "I wish for a six-horse trailer with a dressing room and air conditioner and a hayrack on top," I want to be able to take all my ponies to the shows. I would like my brothers and sister to go with me trail riding and camping.

Wightman's illness was discovered after he was injured riding one of his horses. He truly believes "my horse saved my life." The young man travels to Dallas once a week for chemotherapy. He will continue his treatments through February 2005.

Bloomer Trailer Manufacturing, with its plant in Salado along I-35, teamed up with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas to grant Wightman's wish.

In fact, Randy Bloomer, President of Bloomer Trailer Manufacturing, worked directly with the 17-year-old to design and build the custom trailing.

Wightman submitted drawings of his dream-come-true to Bloomer, who made sure all the specifics were followed all the way down to the wavy black and red custom stripe and the family coat of arms painted on the body of the white trailer.

Landon was surprised by the presentation Dec. 28 at the Salado Bloomer Trailer Manufacturing plant. His mother told him they were going to Salado to check on the production of the trailer. The rest of the family drove down in the family truck in order to take the trailer home to Ivanhoe. Wightman enjoyed a party in his honor with his family and Bloomer Trailer staff attending.

"This is the first time the Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas has granted a wish for a horse trailer," said Charisse Brown, Director of Public Relations for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas. "Because of a generous donation from Bloomer trailer Manufacturing, the Foundation is able to fulfill Landon's request."

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Bloomer said he appreciates the value of safety, convenience and durability in a trailer and "that is always a major consideration when building a custom trailer for each customer."

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is the largest and oldest wish-granting organization in the world, dedicated to fulfilling the wishes of children between the ages of two-and-a-half and 18 who have life-threatening medical conditions. These wishes range from trips to Walt Disney World to visits with celebrities and provide the wish child and family with special moments of joy and laughter - experiences dramatically different from hospitals, doctors and clinical treatment programs.

The North Texas Chapter, established in 1982, was one of the first chapters in the national Make-A-Wish network. To date, the North Texas Chapter has granted more than 2,400 wishes.

For more information on the Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas, please visit [www.northtexaswish.org](http://www.northtexaswish.org).



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Chamber holds ribbon cuttings for Salado shops

## Businesses welcomed in 2004



The Salado Chamber of Commerce held several ribbon cuttings to welcome new businesses to Salado during 2004. Above, the Chamber inducted Miller Fine Art Gallery into the fold on May 15. Miller Fine Art is located in The Colony shopping center, on Main St. At right, Owner Suzanne Burton officially opens Miz Tillywigger's with Salado Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting. Miz Tillywiggers features antiques and gift items. The store is located #10 Old Town Salado.

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## JANUARY 1

**Red Cross Blood Drive and Customer Appreciation Day at Old Mill Pizza.** Blood drive will be held 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Donors will receive free personal pizza. All day: buy one, get one free pizza deals, bring a canned good for Salado Food Pantry and receive

a pizza coupon, live radio remote from noon-3 p.m., free rock climbing from Boulders Sport Climbing Center and door prizes from local businesses. Info: 947-0700.

## JANUARY 3

**Salado Monday Club meeting,** 2 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church. The program will be given by Inspector Best of the Temple Police Department on the subject of identity theft. All ladies are invited to attend.

## JANUARY 6

**Presbyterian Church of Salado begins seven session class on an introduction to Islam.** 11 a.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall. First class will cover the purpose of the series, and will include a video on the faith of Islam. Other sessions will include examinations of Islam in modern Iran,

the Christian Crusades, Islamic law and Islamic immigration in Europe. Community is invited to attend. Info: Shirley Pinkston, 947-3372.

## JANUARY 10

**St. Stephen's Women's Society meeting,** Melissa Crawford presenting "Biblical Women of the Old and New Testaments," 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish Hall. Info: 947-3901.

## JANUARY 13

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 10 a.m. at Salado Civic Center. Coffee served at 9:30 a.m. Stephanie Turnham, Director of the Bell County Museum in Belton, will be the featured speaker. Turnham, director of the Museum since 1994, is a life long Texan. She will talk about the Gault Site in Bell County, which is situated at the headwaters of Buttermilk Creek. The unique prehistoric archaeological site is Clovis, which refers to the oldest recognized cultures in the Americas, from a period of 11,500 years ago. Guests are invited to attend. Info: Carolyn Milliser, 947-0899.

## JANUARY 15

**Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas meeting,** 10:30 a.m. at Central Texas Area Museum. Dottie and Danny Tate, of Riesel, will present a program on the Holland family of Grimes County, pioneers of the Republic of Texas. Info: Doris Kemp, Salado DRT president, 933-0240.

## JANUARY 23

**Annual Harry A. Wilmer Lecture,** 3-5 p.m. at Salado Silver Spur Theater. Lecture is titled "People Need People," featuring Dr. Harry Wilmer and Pam Marvin. Free and open to the public. Info: 947-5729 or www.salado-institute.org.

## JANUARY 25

**Annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet.** 6:30 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Tickets are \$30 each. Meal catered by Maggie's of Summers Mill. Silver Spur Theater will provide entertainment. Call 947-5040 for more information.

## JANUARY 27

**Meet your Bell County Officials dinner meeting of the Salado Area Republican Women.** 7 p.m. at Mill Creek Restaurant. Reservations: 947-3617 or bam002@earthlink.net.

## JANUARY 27

**Salado Water Supply Corporation annual meeting,** 6:30 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Agenda items include adoption of budget, report on improvements to water system and nomination and election of directors.

## FEBRUARY 5

**Music in Salado Concert Series: International Piano Duo performance,** featuring Krassimira Jordan and Wolfgang Watzinger. 7 p.m. Location TBA.

## FEBRUARY 5-6

**Tablerock's Salado Legend's Auditions,** 3 p.m.-5 p.m. each day.

## FEBRUARY 5-6

**Wildfire Open to the World Team Roping at Wildfire Ranch.** Info: 947-8080.

## FEBRUARY 10

**Ladies Auxiliary meeting;** Deborah Lufburrow, author of *Set Apart: The Sanctified Sisters*, guest speaker. 9:30 a.m. fellowship, 10 a.m. meeting at the Salado Civic Center. Lufburrow will tell the true story of a group of Belton inspired by and following the leadership of Martha McWhirter. In 1866, they established communal residences set-apart from their

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## FEBRUARY 14

**St. Stephen Women's Society meeting**, Gwen Morrison speaking on "Celebration of Women, Conversation With God," 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish Hall. Info: 947-3901.

## FEBRUARY 24-28

**Salado Artists Workshops and Studio Tours**. Featuring intensive workshop instruction for artists and aspiring artists of all ages. Artist workshops include stone carving, pottery, watercolor, cane and basket weaving, decorative painting, glass art, oil painting, sculpture, drawing and acrylics. On Feb. 26, 24 private artists' studios and public Salado galleries are open to the public during the Artist Studio and Gallery Tours. Info: 947-8300.

## MARCH 9

**Annual Salado Eagle High School Alumni Baseball game** at Eagle field. Any former Salado baseball player is welcome to play. Homerun contest, divided into Over-30 and Under-30 divisions, will precede game, which will pit even-year graduates against odd-year graduates. Odds hold 2-1 series lead. Food and drink concessions will be open, and players are encouraged to bring their families. Any proceeds benefit Salado baseball. Info: Coach Melvin Bates: mbates@saladoisd.org.

## MARCH 10

**Central Texas Prose and Poetry Readings**, 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheatre. Open mic at 9 p.m. Info: 254-947-9205, or www.allcentex.com/tablerock.

## MARCH 10

**Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**. Deborah Martin, master gardener, will discuss and show examples of "Propagation... several methods that are fun and easy for the homeowner." Fellowship at 9:30 a.m., followed by meeting at 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

## MARCH 14

**St. Stephen Women's Society meeting**. Program: "What We Are All About," by Scott Simmonds of Peacable Kingdom Retreat. 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish Hall.

## MARCH 18

**10th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament to benefit Tablerock**, at Mill Creek Golf Course. \$60 entry fee. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Directors: Bruno Matarazzo and David Apichino.

## MARCH 25-26-27

**Easter Pageant at Tablerock Amphithe-**

**atre**, presented by the First Baptist Church of Salado. Free admission. Performance to begin at 8:15 p.m. Director: Randy Carder. Info: 254-947-5465 or www.fbcsalado.org.

## APRIL 2

**Five-K Salado Rabbit Run/Walk, sponsored by the Salado United Methodist Church**. More details TBA. Info: Clodene Greer, 947-7129.

## APRIL 2-3

**Annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Wildflower Art Show**. Info: 947-5040.

## APRIL 9

**Chisholm Trail Chapter of the American Business Women's Association Style Show**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mill Creek Inn and Restaurant. Details TBA.

## APRIL 9-10

**Wildfire Ranch Shootout**. Info: 947-8080.

## APRIL 11

**St. Stephen's Women's Society meeting**. Mark Klym will present the program "Attracting Hummingbirds to Your Yard." 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish Hall.

## APRIL 23-24

**Tablerock's 10th Annual Gospel Festival** 10 a.m. 8 p.m. April 23. Gospel singers, bands groups, trios, duets and solo artists. April 24 10 a.m. singing, 11 a.m.-noon church service. 12:30-6 p.m. More festivities and musical groups. Food booths, drinks, gift booths, desserts of all kinds. Adults \$5 Children 12 and under \$3 254-947-5100 or CVM USIC-MINISTRY@aol.com or 254-947-9205. Tablerock amphitheater is located on Royal St.

## MAY 9-10

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

947-8080.

## MAY 14

**10th annual Fourth Grade Play at Tablerock Amphitheatre**. Thomas Arnold Elementary students, under direction of playwright/author Jackie Mills, write, produce, crew and act in their own melodrama. Proceeds banked for the fourth graders senior class trip. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: adults \$5, children \$3.

## JUNE 13

**Tablerock's Salado Legends rehearsals begin**.

## JULY 23, 30 & AUG. 6

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

## SEPTEMBER 10, 17 & 24

**Tablerock's production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet"**. Performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 child. Info: 254-947-8933, www.allcentex.com/tablerock or email tablerock1@aol.com.

## SEPTEMBER 10-11, 14-18

**Team Ropers Association Finals at Wildfire Ranch**. Info: 947-8080.

## SEPTEMBER 17-18

**Tablerock's Fantasy Faire**, featuring music, dance and historical demonstrations. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, seniors and military personnel. Info: 254-947-1339 or email pangea@vvm.com, or tablerock1@aol.com.

## OCTOBER 1-2

**Tablerock's - A Christmas Carol Audi-**

**tions** Sat.-Sun.: 3 p.m. Information: 254-947-9205. Directed by Harry Sweet.

## OCTOBER 13, 14 & 15

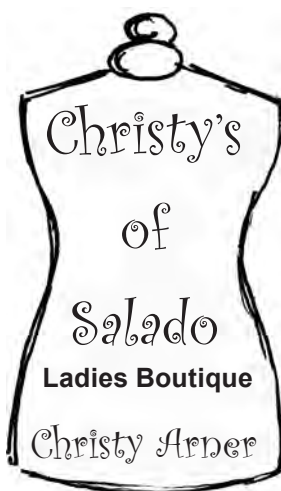
**Annual Christmas in October event**, at the Salado Civic Center. Event is an opportunity to do Christmas shopping early, as well as celebrate with an Oct. 13 kick-off party. Sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. Info: 947-3567.

## OCTOBER 29, 30 & 31

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

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Owner C.J. Harbuz (near right) celebrated the recent move of Angelic Herbs to its new location at Stage Stop in June. The attending crowd of friends and family was treated to an evening of music and refreshments on June 4.

Seasons of Salado owner Ann Gardner (far right) reopened her shop and was welcomed Aug. 20 by the Salado Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon cutting.



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Pictured above is Bob Pascoe (center, with scissors), owner of the Salado Sawmill, which held its ribbon cutting June 4. Salado Sawmill is located on Salado Plaza Drive, just off Main Street. Pascoe specializes in custom made, hand-constructed furniture of all types and styles.

Below, the Salado Chamber of Commerce welcomed the Timbers at the Salado Sawmill in September. Owned by Diane and Robert Pascoe, the 800 sq. ft. Timbers is located above Bob's woodcrafting shop, the Salado Sawmill, on Salado Plaza Dr. It contains room for up to six persons, with separate living, dining and sleeping areas. More info is available at <http://timbers.saladosawmill.com>.

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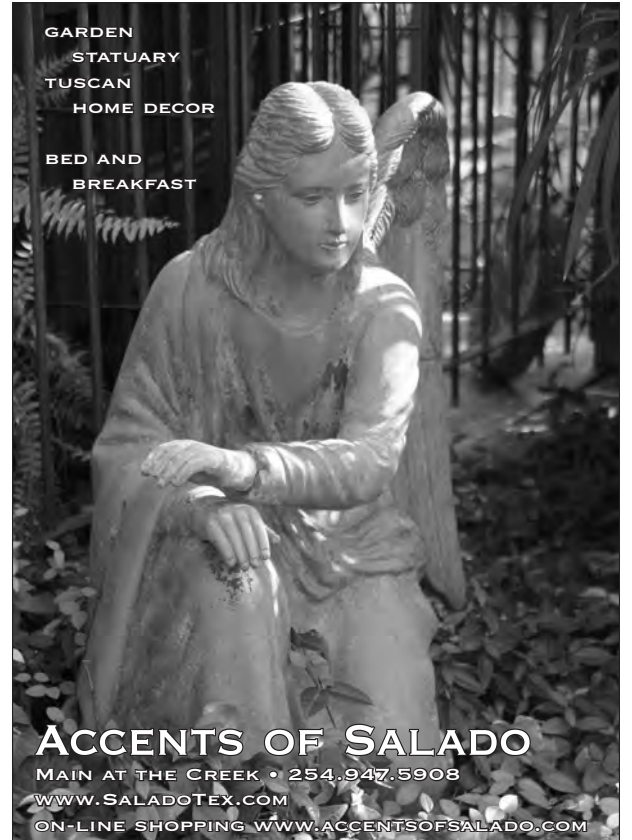
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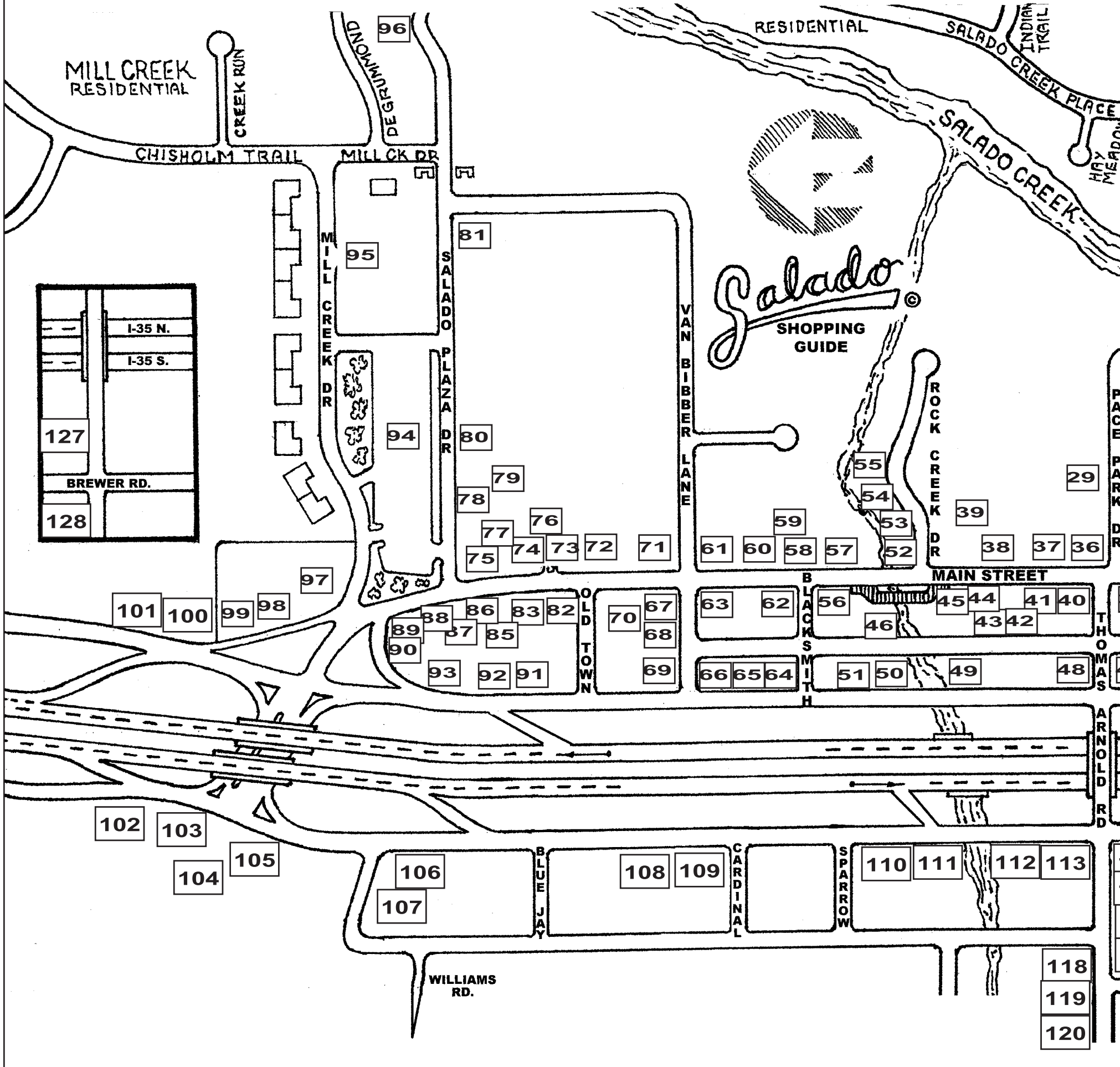
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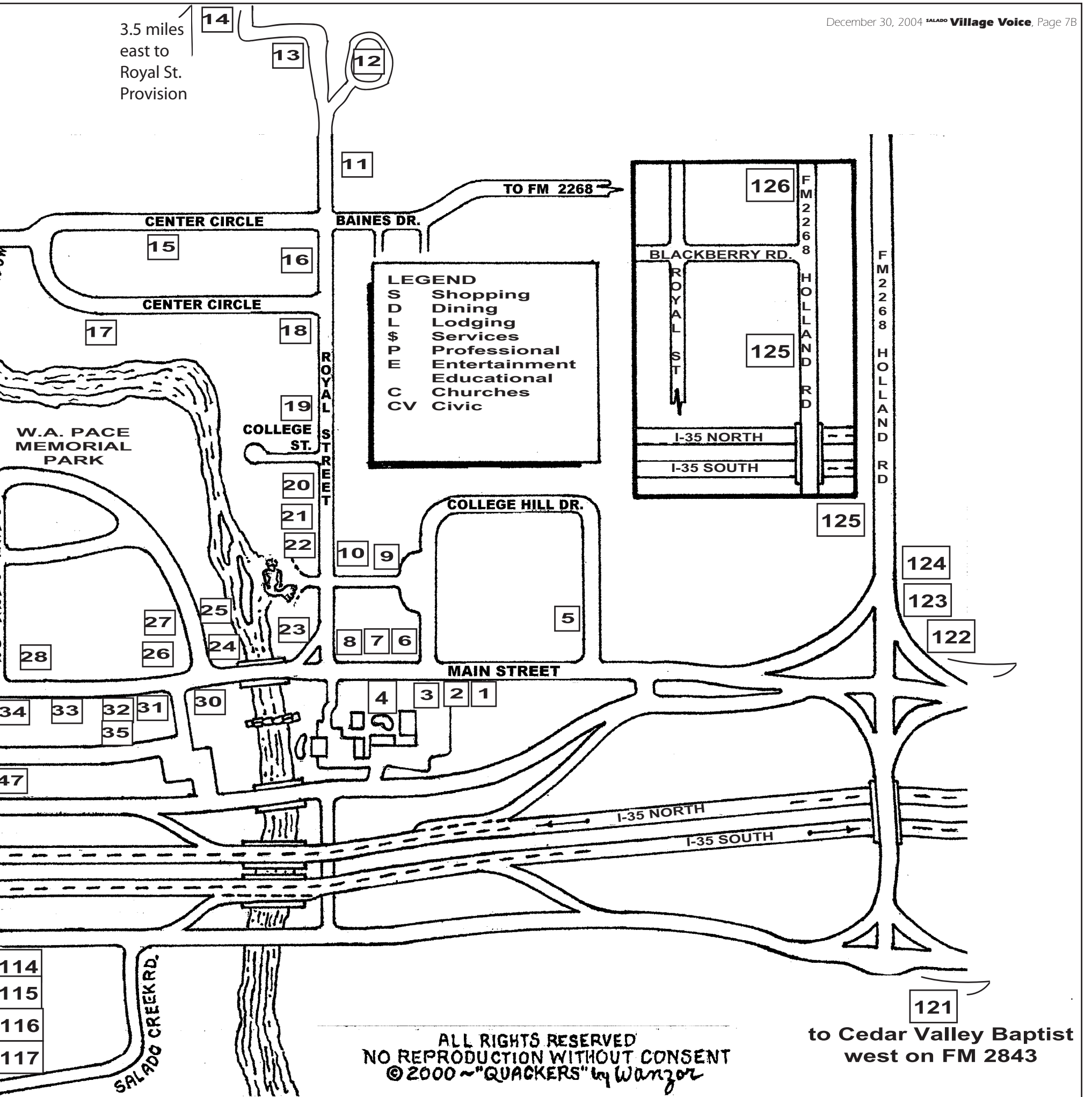


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9.	Peddler's Alley	254/947-9722	S	36.	Christy's of Salado	254/947-0561	S	55.	Uniquely Europe	254-947-3222	S
10.	The Dusty Rose	254/947-9215	S	37.	Inn at Salado	254/947-0027	L				
11.	Tablerock Amphitheatre	254/947-9205	E	38.	<b>SALADO SQUARE</b>			56.	<b>OLD CHURCH PLACE</b>		
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22.	Salado Silver Spur Theatre	254/947-3456	E	43.	Southern Comforts	254/947-0595	S	62.	Salty Creek Cafe	254/947-8550	D
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Salado Civic Center	254/947-8300	CV	Texan by Design	254/947-4479	S	121. Cedar Valley Baptist Church	254/947-0148	C
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73. <b>CARRIAGE PLACE SQUARE</b>			88. The Personal Wealth Coach			124. St. Stephen Catholic Church	254/947-8037	C
Before & After	254/947-5814	\$	94. <b>SALADO PLAZA</b>			127. Grace Baptist Church of Salado	254/947-5917	C
74. Etrulia's	254/947-0504	S	Salado Village Voice	254/947-5321	\$	128. Janelle's	254/947-3584	S
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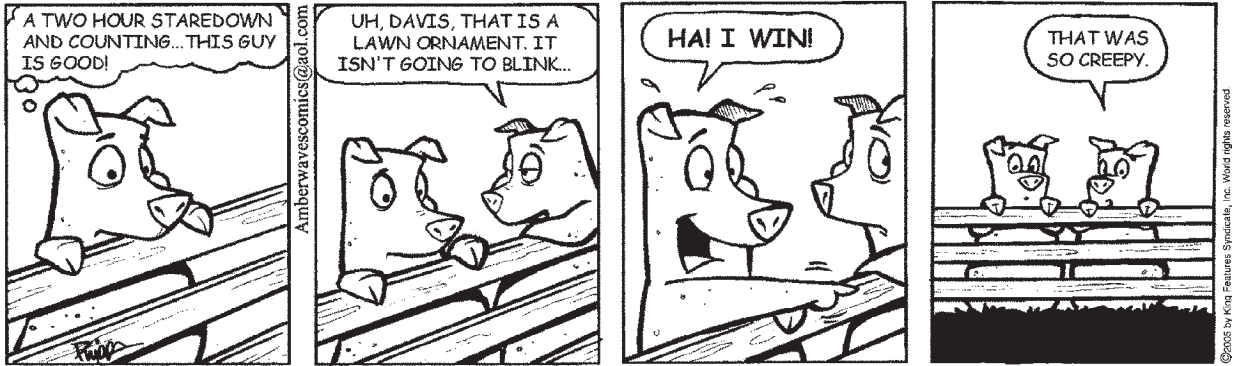
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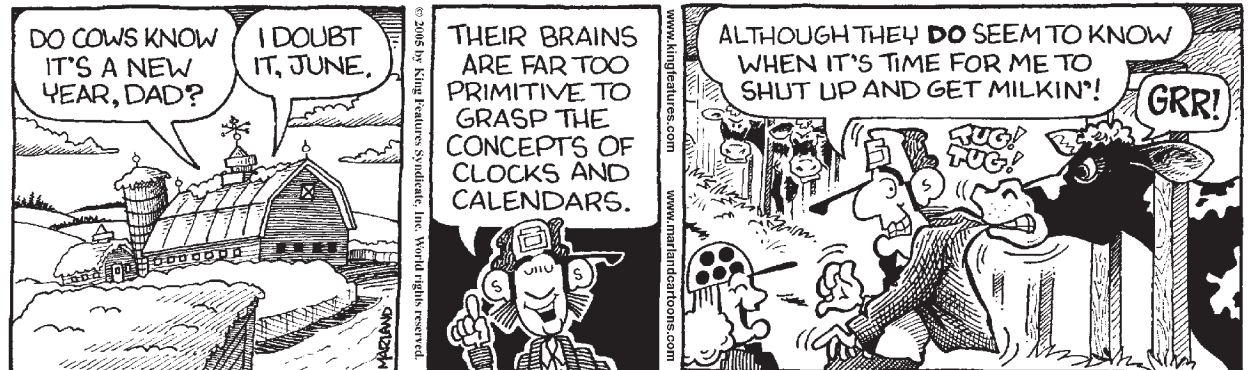
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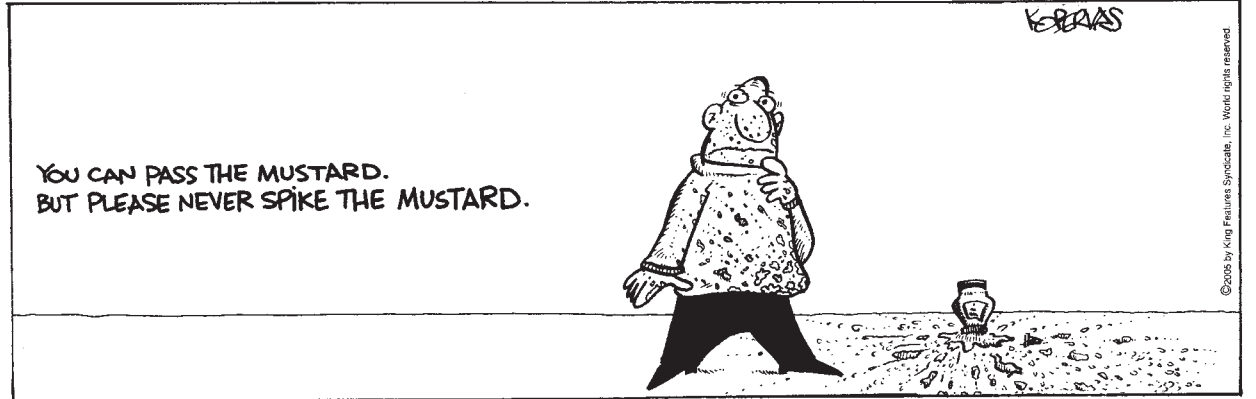
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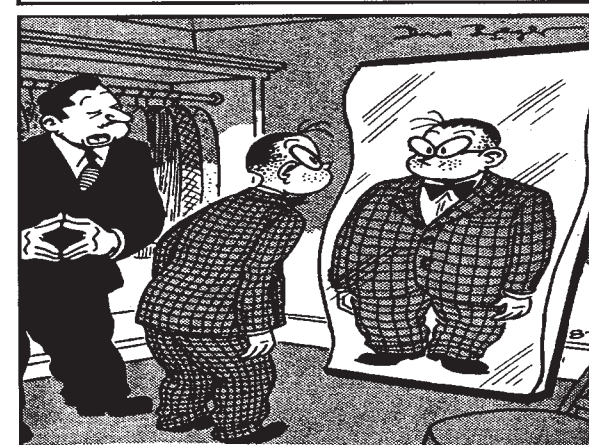


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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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| Bardot     | Farrow    | Loren  | Twiggy |
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Roofing material
- 6 Litigates
- 12 Director Peckinpah
- 15 Bull's babe
- 18 Florida eleven
- 20 40th president
- 21 Baudelaire's buddy
- 22 Nabokov novel
- 23 Mitch Miller hit
- 26 "Agnus —"
- 27 Throw a line to
- 28 She's a sheep date
- 29 Bakery display
- 31 — Aviv
- 32 Blazing
- 36 Most mammoth
- 37 Elegant
- 40 Pebbles' papa
- 41 — Leone
- 43 Black and white
- 44 Bing Crosby hit
- 46 Service member?
- 49 Tilden's opponent
- 51 Seize
- 52 Slip of the tongue
- 54 Tax shelter
- 55 Animated Olive
- 56 Proofreader's mark
- 58 Word with tea or pepper
- 59 Get more magazines
- 61 Jack of "Flower Drum Song"
- 62 Be — unto oneself
- 63 Tear to bits
- 64 Marry
- 65 Patti Page hit
- 67 Scold
- 69 Andrews Sisters hit
- 73 Tenor Slezak
- 74 Corporate VIP
- 75 Burlap fiber
- 76 Word on a pump
- 77 Supped in style
- 80 Pasta ingredient
- 81 Government group
- 82 Winter hazard
- 83 TV's "Scooby- —"
- 84 Too experienced
- 85 Flip
- 86 Sri —
- 88 Land mass

- 91 Wilbert Harrison hit
- 93 Doesn't come clean
- 94 Daze
- 96 — Haven, CT
- 97 Exhausted
- 100 Enigmatic sort
- 102 Lost
- 104 Essen exclamation
- 105 Couldn't stand
- 106 First zoo?
- 107 Concerto —
- 111 Bachelor's last words
- 112 Gladys Knight hit
- 120 New Deal agcy.
- 121 — later date
- 122 Used a ewer
- 123 Through the nose
- 124 Cartoon cry
- 125 — de guerre
- 126 Beethoven's "Moonlight —"
- 127 Dutch artist Jan

- 3 To — (perfectly)
- 4 Petite pooches
- 5 Builds
- 6 Paid player
- 7 Actor Ayres
- 8 Musical sensitivity
- 9 Past
- 10 Wagner's "— Rheingold"
- 11 Look like Hook?
- 12 Cash stash
- 13 Qty.
- 14 Blend
- 15 Mamas & Papas hit
- 16 "Golden Boy" dramatist
- 17 Dress part
- 19 Turns about
- 24 Portrait painter Peter
- 25 Is in debt
- 30 Taj town
- 32 G-sharp's keymate
- 33 Chow
- 34 Creepy Christopher
- 35 Stuck fast
- 36 Munich mister
- 37 Kindergarten item
- 38 Defeat
- 39 Affirmative vote

- 42 Sacred image
- 43 That's the spirit
- 44 Make tea
- 45 Worth or Papas
- 47 Prior to, to Prior
- 48 Damp and chilly
- 50 Cleaned a carp
- 51 Schwarz-egger's birthplace
- 53 Cabernet color
- 57 Voice type
- 58 It's run of the mill?
- 59 Nullify
- 60 Tokyo, once
- 64 Power unit
- 66 Wayfarer's whistle wetter
- 67 Stream
- 68 Earphones
- 69 Propel with a pole
- 70 Entertainer Kazan
- 71 Played soccer
- 72 Zones
- 74 Third degree?
- 75 Panel of peers
- 77 SHAEF commander
- 78 Letters of credit?

- 79 Johnny Horton hit
- 80 WWII unit
- 81 Dock of the bay
- 84 Put the whammy on
- 85 Galileo's birthplace
- 87 Heidi's hangout
- 89 Racer Luyendyk
- 90 Nocturnal visitor
- 92 Subway unit
- 95 Merit
- 97 It's a long story
- 98 Caustic
- 99 Conversation pieces?
- 100 Gleam
- 101 Clerical title
- 103 Excludes
- 106 Smith or Sandler
- 108 ER exclamation
- 109 Painful
- 110 Eye appreciatively
- 113 Robert of "Quincy, M.E."
- 114 Sticky stuff
- 115 Savage sort
- 116 La-la lead-in
- 117 Asian holiday
- 118 Nutritional abbr.
- 119 Writer Rand

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Cynthia (Mama) and I would like to thank all of those who have enlightened our day by coming into our restaurant and sharing their company with us. But, Guess What? **We will be closed December 15, 2004 to January 12, 2005** so that we can relax for a while and enjoy the holidays. We would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Most of all, may God keep you and bless you through this holiday season.

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# Some personal glimpses at 2004

## Tumbleweed Smith



I did a lot of neat stuff during the past year. Besides the regular work things like writing 52 columns, producing 260 radio programs and 120 or so radio and television commercials, teaching nine university courses and making some two dozen speeches, I premiered a new one man show "Natural Born Storytellers" (based on the CD of the same name which came out the previous year), did my first entertaining on a ship (actually it was a barge), took my grandson to the White House and the Smithsonian, produced a video on the only remaining refinery in the Permian Basin, had our first family reunion vacation at Lake Tahoe, went to hear Simon and Garfunkel, celebrated my two newest grandsons' first birthday, cruised to Alaska, took a 25 mile bicycle ride with my son and grandson, had eight or so book signings, had cataract surgery in both eyes and am now cruising to Belize.

Gee, that's quite a lot. You don't realize all the things you're doing during the year until you write

them down.

On my report cards growing up, my citizenship grade was seldom an A because the teacher always checked the square opposite the words "does not recognize the value of time." As a student, I would procrastinate.

I remember in the third grade each student was to bring in something old and put it on a big table in the center of the room. When the student brought in the item, he or she showed it to the teacher who made a notation in her grade book. I kept putting it off and the teacher said there was just one day left to bring in your old item. I brought it in a day late. That teacher would probably be proud of me now because I have grown to fully recognize the value of time.

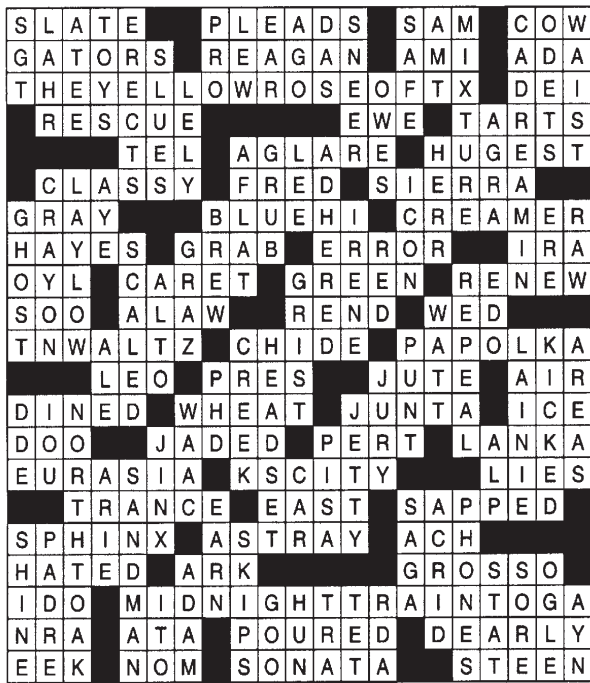
My wife gave me a paperweight a few years ago with the words THE UNTILATE INSPIRATION IS THE DEADLINE written on it. Suits me just right. I haven't missed a deadline since third grade.

A friend once told me "There is no real honor in work." If work is all you do, he's right. The trick is to balance work with the rest of life: family, civic and religious activities, free time. If work is all a person has, that person doesn't have much. I think it was Norman Cousins who wrote "Nobody on his death bed ever said 'I wish I had spent more time at the office.'"

I saw a poster once of an ape sitting in a tree. The caption read "Sometimes I sit and think. Other times I just sit." Both are good pieces of advice. When people are at rest, their minds are open to new ideas. They get new energy and are rejuvenated. Europeans say they can do twelve months' work in 11 months, but not 12. They always take a month off for vacation.

Simple pleasures bring the greatest joy: observing a sunset, listening to birds, having a drink with the person you love the most or just sitting.

*Editor's note: Here's to hoping we all have more time for these activities in 2005 than we did in 2004.*



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The Salado Chamber of Commerce welcomed the Salado Silver Spur Theater (above). The Salado Silver Spur Theater, located in the Guest-Sanford Granary on Royal St., opened for business on Labor Day weekend. Showtimes and performance lists are available at [www.saladosilverspur.com](http://www.saladosilverspur.com)

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Skin Deep held its official ribbon cutting and open house Oct. 1 with friends, staff, and Salado Chamber of Commerce representatives. Owner and licensed aesthetician Becca Korte cuts the ribbon with husband Brian Korte. The staff in attendance is receptionist Angela Coffey, skin and nail therapist Jennifer Hall, and daughter Jennifer Korte in attendance.




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The Salado Chamber of Commerce traveled up the interstate to welcome new business member Belton Glass and Mirror. Owned by Bob Smith, of Salado, the business is located at 617 Waco Rd. in Belton. Belton Glass and Mirror offers a full service shop for windshield replacements, as well as residential and commercial glass and mirror work. Shown above are Bob and Joanne Smith (holding scissors), and Chamber representatives Jack Schrock, Dawn Orange, and Shannon Ashe.

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## Bridal guide slated for January will feature full-color ads, stories

Salado Village Voice announces the publication of its second annual bridal guide, Bridal Dreams, which will be published as a special insert into the newspaper in both January and June. The Bridal Guide will have a total circulation of 10,000 copies, inserted into three editions of the newspaper. Additional copies will be

distributed through advertisers, as well as the Salado Chamber of Commerce information kiosk.

The Bridal Guide will offer two forms of advertising: a traditional display ad or a story ad that can include pictures. The Bridal Guide will have three sizes of ads available: 1/8 page (3 columns by 4 inches) for \$72; 1/4 page

(3 columns by 8 inches) and 1/2 page (6 columns by 8 inches) for \$250. Advertisers reserving the 1/4 page or 1/2 page ads may choose to have those ads in the forms of "stories with pictures." The 1/4 page story ad can have one accompanying picture and the 1/2 page story ad can have two photos in the copy. Staff writers will work with you to compose a story unique to your business.

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The Bridal Guide is a terrific vehicle for B&Bs and hotels, restaurants, florists, jewelers, dress shops, gift shops, bridal services, catering companies, travel agents, etc. The Guide will be a valuable tool for couples planning their weddings.

The publication will also be posted on the Salado Village Voice website for easy downloading with links to advertisers' websites.

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# Many ways to make use of old Christmas tree

I am not going to get into the debate about "real" Christmas trees and the value of either one. I think it is a personal preference and a decision that your family has to make. But my personal solution is to have several trees and satisfy everyone by having both kinds. I guess that you can tell my favorite holiday is, of course, Christmas. There is just something about the fragrance of a real tree that brings back the memories of growing up in Wisconsin to be savored. Of course, having an artificial tree lets you decorate earlier and keep the tree up longer, but....

This article will give you several solutions to disposing of a real tree if you have gone that route. I am not talking about putting it out on the curb and letting the garbage truck take it away. Don't you think that is such a sad sight? Well, here are some solutions for you and your family to try. It will help the environment and teach your kids about recycling and a little about nature at the same time.

One of the easiest solutions is to take all the ornaments off the

## Master Gardener

by Candace Mullen

tree, take it outside and set it upright in the garden, away from the buildings. It will provide shelter and protection for birds through the winter. But even better, you can redecorate that tree outside. Turn it into an instant bird feeder and your children can watch the birds and not drive you crazy on the holiday break. Just thread orange slices with yarn, pack pine cones with peanut butter, hang balls of suet (get this from the meat department) and birdseed on the branches. Plain cookies are also a treat and if the birds get them, you won't. You can also add ropes of strung popcorn and cranberries to make it look pretty and for the creatures to nibble. If your soil is alkaline, the falling needles will lower the soil pH, which will help the strawberry beds, bulbs, and perennials, especially on clay soil. The flowering bulbs get super vivid colors as a result.

Of course, you could

cut the branches off and use them as cover for the beds for the winter. Then you can use the trunk in the spring as a support for your climbing plants such as cucumbers, pole beans, squash, morning glory, gourds or anything else that climbs. If you have several trunks (get those from others not wise enough to recycle) use them to form a teepee tied at the top. Plant your climbing plants at the base and the kids have an instant playhouse all summer long that is green and fun. Try planting pumpkins on one of these, way cool.

You could use your tree for firewood and enjoy it all over again watching the flames in the fireplace. Just remember that pines burn hot and fast, and the resin will bubble and pop so watch for the sparks. Cut the tree into appropriate lengths after taking off the branches and stack them under a waterproof tarp, allowing for good air circulation and proper drying.

If you have a little property and room, you could use the tree as a shelter for small mammals. Put the tree on its side in the woods, but select the site carefully. It should be considered a permanent site not to be disturbed later. You don't want to be accused of dumping and you don't want to encourage wildlife to take up residence where they will become a nuisance later. That defeats the purpose.

Are you a fisherman? Do you know anyone who has a good-sized pond or lake? The tree can be used quite effectively as a comfort zone for fish and a lucky spot for anglers. Using Christmas trees as habitat enhancers is an old trick that has gained newfound popularity. When the trees are grouped and placed correctly in a pond or lake, they create shade and hiding spots for fish. The grouped trees serve the same purpose as shade trees in the summer for cattle—fish will be grouped around these spots. To create the spot, tie several trees together in loose groups of two to four for best results. Be sure all tinsel, hooks, and

ornaments are removed. The trees should be weighted so they will stay in place; Tie the weights on or set the trees in a bucket of cement. Place these bundles in three to 10 feet of water. Use several at different depths if the pond is large enough to attract fish in all seasons. Limit the number to one or two per acre of water.

Use the buddy system to place the trees for safety's sake. You can even mark the spot with a buoy. Now sit back and have fun at that lucky fishing spot this summer.

On a larger scale, some states, like Louisiana collect and use trees to restore land and habitats. They help restore coastal marshes and help protect from erosion. Louisiana places them in fenced areas to enhance sedimentation and prevent salt-water intrusion. So far, over 60,000 trees have been placed in the Louisiana marsh in fenced corrals spanning over 45,000 feet.

You can also save the needles to create potpourri. Dry the branches, then remove and crumble the needles. Mix the needles with cinnamon sticks, whole cloves, allspice, and Christmas scent. Placed

in sealed jars to store and enjoy next year or give as creative gifts. To create a pleasant Christmas scent, add one cup of water to one-fourth cup potpourri and heat it on the stove in a pot or in a potpourri heater. Do you know how expensive it is to buy this stuff? Go ahead, try making your own.

Of course, the last suggestion for that Christmas tree is to turn it into mulch. If you have your own chipper that's pretty simple. If you don't, check with your city office and they may have a program in place. They will give you the time and the place to take that tree and you will come away with some good stuff for your garden and flower beds. Also watch the newspapers for times and places. Just make sure that all ornaments and decorations are removed first.


I know that with all these solutions of what to do with the Christmas tree everyone can find one that will fit their family. So if you see that sad tree put out for the garbage, snatch it up and help out our world, just a little bit. It will make your heart feel good and start 2005 out the right way. Happy New Year!

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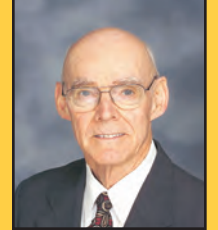
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While you're making your New Year's resolutions, DPS has a suggestion: add "Improve Driving Habits" to your list. Driving can be one of the most dangerous activities you engage in during the day, so taking a few moments to think about your driving is a good idea.

Here are some good driving habits to employ:

- Make sure everyone is buckled up.
- Drive sober.
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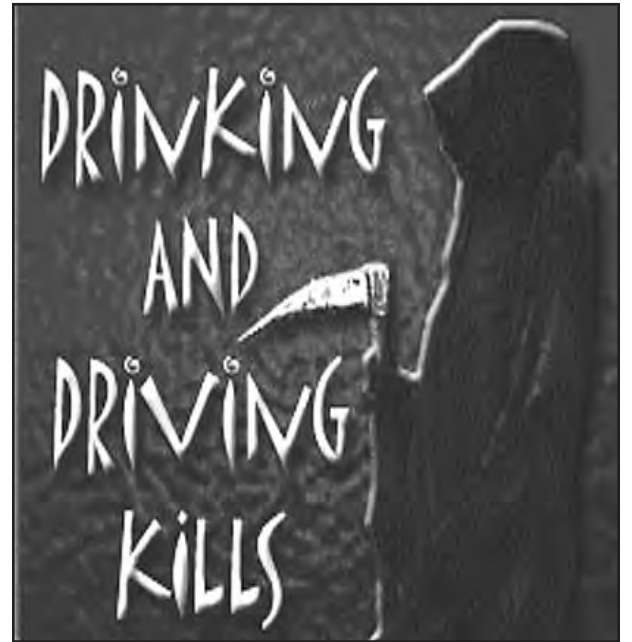
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During the New Year's weekend, DPS will have all available troopers on Texas roadways.

Troopers will be looking for speeders, seat belt violators, reckless drivers and drunk drivers from New Year's Eve through midnight on Jan. 2.

"Please resolve to drive responsibly this year," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., director of the DPS.

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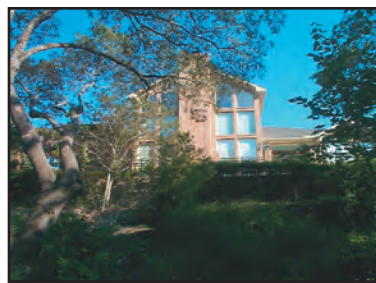


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# How safe are contact lens fluids?

**Dear EarthTalk: Are contact lens fluids safe for the environment and personal health? -- M. Luh, Storrs, CT**

According to the Contact Lens Council, approximately 34 million Americans now wear contact lenses. Most people use various saline and disinfectant solutions for their lenses from big-name companies like Bausch & Lomb and Johnson & Johnson. These products are usually packaged in squeeze bottles that, according to Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations, are required to have preservatives.

But many preservatives can cause irritation and discomfort to the user. For example, thimerosal, a preservative commonly used in contact lens disinfectant solutions in the past, was found to be the culprit in severe allergies. One particularly harmful by-product of thimerosal, once it degrades or metabolizes, is ethyl mercury, which researchers now believe plays a role in the development of autism and a number of health problems.

Other preservatives like benzalkonium chloride have now replaced thimerosal in contact lens solutions. However, according to the Switzerland-based Perret Opticians, there is still the possibility of such allergic reactions as redness, itching and discharge with the new generation of preservatives being used in conventional solutions.

There are other options. Clear Conscience now makes a line of contact lens solutions that are reportedly gentler for the environment and the wearer. Unlike conventional products, the company's saline solution is dispensed by a safe nitrogen propellant, which means it contains no preservatives. Clear Conscience also offers an FDA-approved Multi-Purpose Solution that is benzalkonium chloride- and thimerosal-free. It can be used to disinfect, clean and store hard or soft contacts. WholeFoods Markets and other large natural goods stores stock Clear Conscience products, or they can be ordered online at the company's web site.

Meanwhile, Alcon, one of the largest providers of traditional lens solutions, has diversified its product line to include two preservative-free products, Unisol 4 and Pliigel, both which are available online at drugstore.com as well as at other large health products retailers.

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**Dear EarthTalk: Would removing the bald eagle from endangered species protection, as proposed by some environmental groups and the Bush administration, be considered an environmental victory? -- William Young, Chappaqua, NY**

Just 30 years ago, the once-abundant bald eagle--America's national symbol--was in danger of extinction in its primary habitat across the lower 48 states. Hunting, sprawl and poisoning from the agricultural pesticide DDT had conspired against this majestic raptor, despite safeguards in place under the Bald Eagle Protection Act of 1940. Fewer than 500 breeding pairs remained and the outlook was grim.

But with the banning of DDT in 1972 and the passage of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 1973, eagle populations began to rebound. By July 1995, the species had recovered to 5,700 pairs, and was upgraded from „endangered% to „threatened% status under the ESA. Today, biologists estimate that more than 7,600 breeding pairs inhabit the lower 48 states, and the Bush administration has proposed de-listing the species once and for all in 2005.

Conservation efforts have indeed made the eagle's recovery possible, but nonetheless even the environmental community is split on whether or not de-listing the bird is a good idea. Some say that the eagle's recovery has exceeded expectations and that de-listing would be the culmination and celebration of a great American conservation success story -- proof that the ESA works.

The species, numbers

have steadily increased over the past three decades, so much so that in some areas, such as the Chesapeake Bay region, there are hundreds more eagles today than there were prior to the DDT era,% says endangered species law expert Michael Bean of Environmental Defense, a non-profit group that was originally instrumental in the banning of DDT. Last spring, Environmental Defense lobbied the White House to put forth the most recent eagle de-listing proposal.

But other eagle advocates worry that key protections would no longer be in effect if de-listing were to take place. Kieran Suckling, executive director of the Center for Biological Diversity, says that earlier efforts by the Clinton White House to de-list the eagle stalled after federal biologists warned that contaminants in the environment and habitat loss were still preventing some eagle populations from achieving optimum reproduction rates. And budget cuts in the interim have meant that no additional eagle population monitoring has taken place. Without any new data to justify

de-listing, Suckling and others consider taking endangered species protection away from the eagle at this point to be not only premature but also illegal.

Federal officials have put forth similar proposals to take the gray wolf and the grizzly bear off the threatened list as well. These great conservation success stories underscore how important the ESA has been. But as new, larger threats to wildlife -- including habitat loss and global warming -- loom, many are left wondering if we're celebrating victory in the war against species loss a little too soon.

CONTACTS: Environmental Defense, (212) 505-2100, [www.environmentaldefense.org](http://www.environmentaldefense.org); Center for Biological Diversity, (520) 623-5252, [www.biologicaldiversity.org/swcbd/](http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/swcbd/); U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Endangered Species Program, <http://endangered.fws.gov/>.

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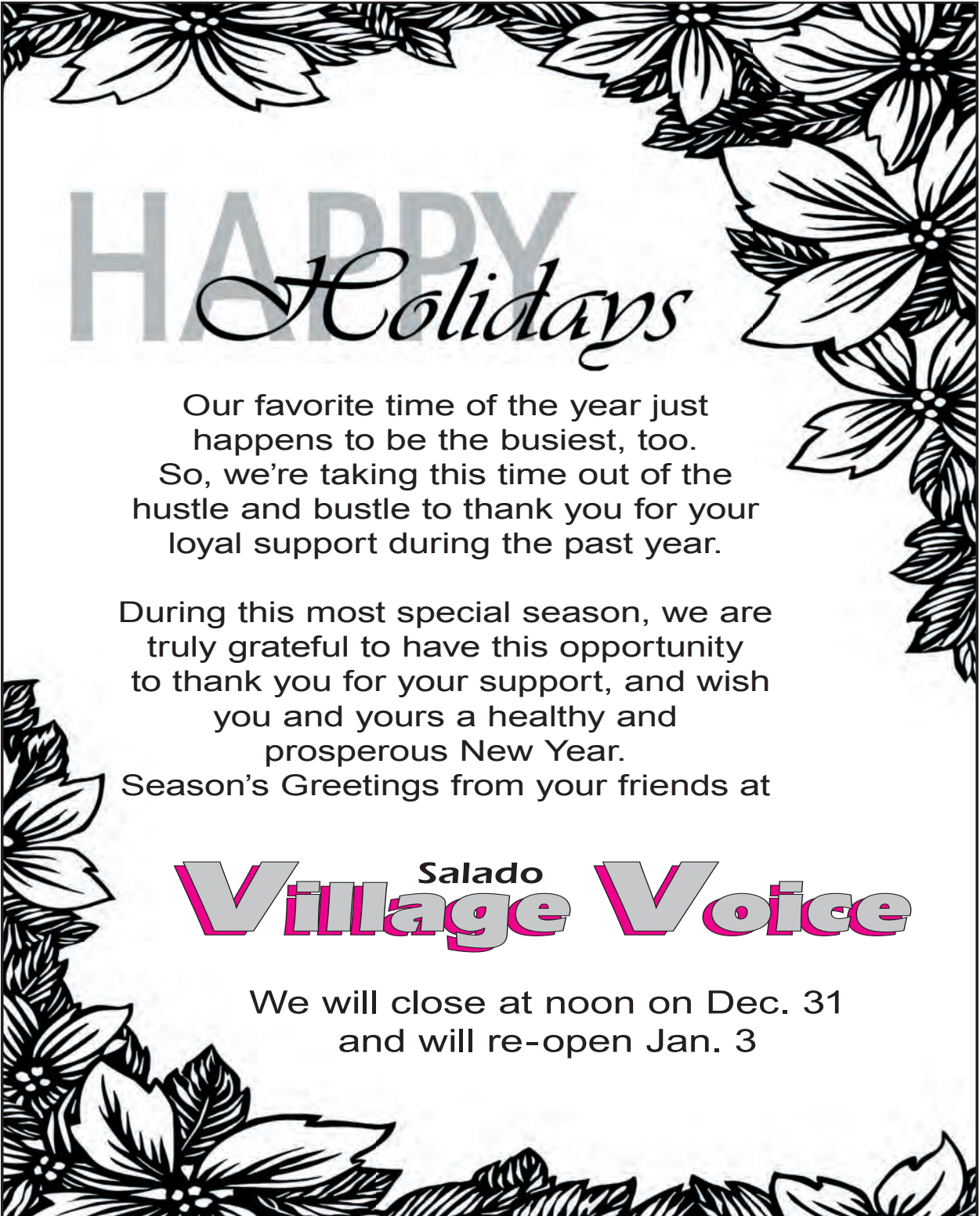
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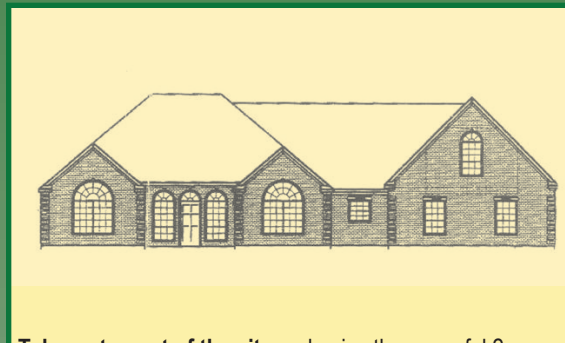
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