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Subjects remain in custody under \$250,000 bail

Two men arrested in bank robbery

Two men remain in custody in Williamson County, charged with aggravated robbery by both Bell and Williamson County law enforcement officers.

The subjects arrested were identified as Christian Samol Figueroa, 24 years old, and David Jacob Garcia, 21 years old, both of San Antonio. Bail was set for each man at \$250,000 by Justice of the Peace Ted Duffield.

An Hispanic male entered the Compass Bank at 960 N. Main Street, Salado, at about 1:45 p.m. Dec.

29, where he passed a note to the teller demanding money. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of cash, the suspect fled the bank.

The suspect then got into a waiting vehicle that was being driven by a separate Hispanic male. The suspects fled North on Main Street towards I-35, on which they then headed south.

A witness followed the suspects and phoned in their location to dispatchers. Officers from the Salado Police Department, Bell County

Sheriff's Department and Texas Department of Public Safety gave chase.

The chase was joined by a Texas Ranger and Williamson County Sheriff's Department officers. The suspects were stopped on County Road 327 in Williamson County.

Because the suspects crossed county lines, charges were filed by Williamson County Sheriff's Department late last week. Early this week, Salado Police Department filed charges against the suspects.



Trustees mull \$3 mil in cuts to proposed high school

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado school administrators and trustees worked with architects and engineers in recent weeks to cut the numbers for construction of a proposed new high school by more than \$3 million. During a workshop Jan. 4, the board mulled new numbers that would build a 95,000 sq. ft. high school with a 700 student core capacity and a 500 student classroom capacity.

In November, architectural firm Fields and Associates presented preliminary drawings and budgets for a 108,000 sq. ft. high school at a proposed cost of \$18.4 million. The board met in early December and began working to reduce those costs before it brings a bond proposal to the public this year.

Reducing the \$18.4 million to \$15.2 million required no small sacrifice in the plans: eliminating a practice gym and four classrooms.

At \$15.2 million, the proposed high school

would have a total of 29.5 classrooms (approximately 750 sq. ft. in each). The current high school has a total of 24 classrooms.

These totals include special education classes, science and computer labs, art classrooms and band hall. In terms of basic classrooms, the proposed high school would have 15, compared to 16 on the present high school (including six in portable buildings).

Superintendent Robin Battershell said that some of the labs and other special-purpose classrooms could be used for basic classrooms if needed.

Other considerations for cost-saving include using pre-engineered structures for all or part of the construction. The savings on pre-engineered structures ranges from \$7 to \$10 per square foot, depending upon the exterior skin of the building.

Construction manager at-risk firm Baird-Williams stated in working documents that "savings of approximately \$10 per square foot can be achieved by using a pre-

engineered building, if the building is made a one-story structure and the hips and valleys of the roof are a minimum."

By reducing the number of classrooms on the proposed building, the project would have other cost savings in reduced corridors and stair well spaces.

Administrators and trustees are considering these cuts because adding future classrooms is less expensive than adding core facilities such as cafeteria, library, athletic and administrative facilities.

The Jan. 4 workshop meeting was held after this issue of the *Salado Village Voice* newspaper went to press. It was not known at press time if the board will pursue a \$15 million proposal. However, readers can turn to www.saladovillagevoice.com for more thorough coverage of the meeting.

It is most likely the board will finalize its proposal and call the election for April 9 later this month. The board may call the election at its Jan. 24 regular meeting.



Give Blood and a whole lot more

James Diles prepares to draw blood from Richard Kahabak, owner of Old Mill Pizza. Kahabak donated blood during a Blood Drive held at his restaurant Jan. 1. The Scott & White Blood Mobile was on-hand to take donations. Also during the Jan. 1 event, children such as Kristopher Aulie, of Temple, had the chance to climb the wall (set up by Boulders, of Harker Heights). Bill Donham, a Registered Massage Therapist at Salado Chiropractic, gives a 10-minute chair massage to Penny Esch. The busy day filled the parking lot at Salado Plaza Shopping Center with activities, cars and people.

(PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Property recovered in Denton

Couple charged in theft of trailer

Two people have been charged with theft over \$20,000 following the report of a 28'10" goose-neck trailer being taken from the Bloomer Trailer Manufacturing Plant on I-35 south of Salado. The trailer was taken from the plant between 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Dec. 24.

The manufacturing plant was closed for the Christmas holiday, but an employee at the nearby Wildfire Trailer Sales re-

ported the trailer missing.

The trailer was recovered at about 3:10 p.m. in Denton.

A driver noticed that the trailer was driving erratically and called the phone number on the back of the trailer to report the driver of the trailer. The driver reached Wildfire Trailer Sales office. The employee told the driver that the trailer had been taken from the plant and to call the local police and

report its location.

Denton police located the trailer, which was in tow behind a Chevy 4X4 Duramax pick up truck, and apprehended the suspects.

Jackie Reasor, a 28 year old female from Atoka, OK, and Jamie Littleton, a 27 year old male from Sherman, were apprehended and arrested by Denton police Dec. 24.

The trailer is valued at approximately \$50,000.



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Thanks, Patty!

Long-time Salado Public Librarian Patty Campbell is retiring from her position. She will be honored with a reception 2-4 p.m. Jan. 9 at the Salado Library on N. Main St. See story, Page 8A



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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



From Fetus to Baby

In a spectacular murder case in Missouri, Lisa Montgomery strangled to death Bobbie Jo Stinnett, who was eight months pregnant, cut open her womb and kidnapped her child. This is a horrific crime that, like the Scott Peterson case, opens an uncomfortable window into our culture's tortured reasoning on anything related to unborn life.

During the coverage of the crime, the status of Bobbie Jo Stinnett's unborn girl steadily changed. On AOL News, headlines tracked events in the case: "Woman Slain, Fetus Stolen"; "Woman Arrested, Baby Returned in Bizarre Murder"; "Infant in Good Health." Note how a "fetus" -- something for which American law and culture has very little respect -- was somehow instantly transformed into a "baby" and "infant" -- for which we have the highest respect. By what strange alchemy does that happen?

At one point, when Montgomery was still at large, an Amber Alert went out about the Stinnett girl, putting news organizations in the odd position of reporting such an alert for what many of them were still calling a "fetus."

Given that fetuses are routinely destroyed in America (and legally can be destroyed up to the point of delivery), it was odd to see such an uproar about the welfare of one. Indeed, it is tempting to say that from a pure legal point of view, Lisa Montgomery simply killed the wrong victim, taking the life of the mom instead of the fetus.

But that's not entirely true. Earlier this year, Congress passed the Unborn Victims of Violence Act partly in reaction to the Peterson case, making it a crime to harm an unborn baby while assaulting the mother. Kate Michelman, president

Rich Lowry



of NARAL, complained that President Bush is doing "everything in his power to restrict a woman's right to choose." Right to choose what? To have her baby harmed by an assailant?

Pro-choicers realize that recognizing the legal status of a fetus in any way undermines a crucial philosophical support of the pro-choice position -- that a baby in the womb has no rights that we are bound to respect. The Missouri "Unborn Child" law, which is in play in the Stinnett case, says "unborn children have protectable interests in life, health, and well-being." The attitude behind that law is impossible to square with the animating principle of Roe v. Wade, which protects any abortion, any time.

Pro-choicers have a hard time explaining why, if Bill Clinton was right that abortion should be "legal, safe and rare," the practice should be rare. One reason is that there is a continuity between the "fetus" and "baby."

Otherwise, why do we rejoice over ultrasound images of the unborn? Why do we give them names? Why do we pray for their health and happiness? Why are we so quick to go from calling them fetuses to calling them babies?

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Texas lawmakers to convene next week; Will decide if "Dedicated Income Tax" is answer to State's budget shortfall

The dollar shortfall facing lawmakers, when they convene at high noon on Tuesday, January 11, is so massive that balancing the upcoming biennial budget will be impossible without new taxes of some sort - despite howls to the contrary from the legion of "no new taxers" that have, for so many years, controlled State spending.

The 79th Legislative Session will have to finally come to grips with meeting the needs of a growing population - something they have refused to do for years - or face rebellion by voters and public employees (including teachers), who are tired of allowing the State's basic infrastructure to slowly disintegrate. And we're not just talking roadways here - but the more basic needs - including public and higher education; health-human services; protection and care of the very young and old; the list is almost endless.

INCOME TAX BILL INTRODUCED

Billions of new tax dollars will be needed to make up for past omissions, and the one tax many believe can resolve this problem with **less regression, is a dedicated income tax.** Sales, franchise, and property taxes have about reached maximum levels (politically), while citizen-needs expand geometrically.

As a result - **House Joint Resolution 15 and its companion HB 90, have been introduced by Rep. Eddie Rodriguez, (D-Austin),** and if passed would give voters a referendum opportunity to amend the constitution and allow a dedicated income tax to become law.

This type of levy - that sets a specific tax on each income level, while restricting its use to a single purpose, has an advantage in that it cannot be raised without voter approval. Far different from sales (and other) taxes that can be hiked every two years without so much as a "by your leave" from lawmakers.

HB 90 would also delete the school property tax that pays for maintenance and operation (currently capped at \$1.50 per hundred dollars of property value). School taxes then could only be levied to repay bond issues, which property owners can control at the ballot box.

Not a bad idea - if you can get past the dreaded words "State Income Tax," while (again) keeping in mind that this is the one tax that legislators can't increase, without voter approval via the referendum.

TAX BATTLE LOOMING

Be interesting to see who attacks this idea first - after Governor Perry, of course. The Texas Association of Business will be lining up to sink all tax proposals, while halting any increase in their franchise payments. A tax easily avoided through simple legal chicanery. And we have no doubt that the rest of the State's wealthiest citizens and corporations will be in the **hunt to drive a stake through this "evil" income tax vampire!**

Fact is - a dedicated income tax is probably the fairest and most effective way of providing the huge amount of dollars Texas will need in the near term. A shortage directly attributed to the **dereliction of duty over the past quarter century, by such anti-tax, anti-government leaders as Bill Clements; George Bush; and of course Rick (the reluctant) Perry -** who have kept our tax structure so far behind the basic needs of

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



a growing population, that two years ago, (when we were short \$10 billion), State services for those not protected by high dollar lobby interests - were decimated.

This folly has finally caught up with us and now the most sensible way out of our financial hole (after we stop digging, of course) is to bite the dedicated income tax bullet, while permanently deleting school property M&O taxes.

This will also expose, once and for all, who has the greatest political stroke in Texas - those who have the money to hire tax-fighters (lobbyists) or the public who usually ends up either doing without services or coughing up more than their fair share of taxes.

THIRD PARTY IMPACT

Some weeks ago this column reported on a new political party being organized - the "Veterans Party of Texas." We noted at the time that minor political parties have never managed to put their leaders in the White House. However, as many historians point out, several have changed the course of American history.

The earliest major political impact, by a third party, took place in 1912. Republican William Howard Taft was the front-running incumbent, when former GOP President Teddy Roosevelt - created the upstart "Progressive" ticket. TR grabbed enough Taft votes (over 4,118,571 to be exact) to put Democrat Woodrow Wilson in the White House - in time for his eventual leadership during the first World War.

Hubert Humphrey - the "Happy Warrior" nearly beat Dick Nixon in 1968, and would have, had it not been for George Wallace and his "American Independent" party that siphoned off nearly 10 million (mostly Democratic) votes. Tricky Dick finally won by a scant half million. He was reelected big in '72. And, in 1974, resigned in disgrace.

In 1992 - Bill Clinton took on George Bush Sr., who was running for reelection. Tough hill for Clinton to climb but along came noisy H. Ross Perot, as an "Independent," and snatched away enough Bush votes (19 million) to give the "Man from Hope" the presidency.

Just four years ago - in 2000, Al Gore was trying to keep the Demo banner flying over the West Wing, as he battled George Bush the Younger. Gore was doing OK and might have won had it not been for Ralph Nader, who then headed the Green Party, which drew enough votes from the Democratic side, to give "Landslide" George a slim-win. Final vote verdict: one historic tie-busting aye - in the supreme court.

THIRD PARTY FUTURE?

Many observers of today's political polarization believe that the time may soon be ripe for the emergence of a strong third party, combining moderate Democrats and Republicans who are tired of the extremists in their midst. Joining forces, these "middle of the roaders" could become the leading political voice in America.

But that's another story for another time - perhaps decades down the road.

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Workers' comp will be major legislative issue

How bad are the problems in Texas current workers' compensation system? Let me begin to answer this question by quoting headlines from two recent Texas newspaper editorials on the topic. "Mess in workers' comp calls for reform efforts," declared the *San Antonio Express-News*, while the *Beaumont Enterprise* concluded there was a "dire need to change" our current system.

The *Express-News* provided some alarming statistics to make their case, noting "the costs for each injured worker are 38 percent higher than in comparable states and doctor visits per claim are 64 percent higher."

Meanwhile, the premium costs are so high that almost 40 percent of Texas employers have dropped their coverage.

Business groups, organized labor representatives, and doctors agree that there are big problems with what we have in place now. The Texas Association of Business notes that Texas is ranked dead last in its ability to get injured workers back on the job. The Texas AFL-CIO concluded it "has failed miserably to serve the needs of workers, employers, and doctors." As for physician dissatisfaction, a survey of by the Texas Medical Association revealed that only 23 percent of their members would take on new workers' comp cases.

The Texas Legislature is in solid agreement that the time is ripe for fixing workers' compensation. This is a topic that has been studied extensively over the interim by committees in both chambers and we are ready to get to work.

What might the fix look like? The Texas Sunset Advisory Committee, a policy group comprised of members of both legislative chambers and private citizens, reviewed the Texas Workers Compensation Commission (TWCC) over the interim and recently approved a set of recommendations that would, if approved during the upcoming session, result in a complete restructuring of the current program.

Here is a brief overview of what the Sunset Advisory Commission suggests. First up, they propose the transfer of all regulatory function involving the

Capitol Update

by State Representative Dianne White Delisi



workers' compensation system to the Texas Department of Insurance and moving any education functions to the Texas Workforce Commission. Once accomplished, the TWCC should be abolished and an Office of Employee Assistance created in its place.

The State of Texas should then require worker's compensation to operate as close as possible to the Group Health Insurance regulations that cover other standard health insurance programs.

The Sunset Advisory Commission suggested that Texas' revamped workers' comp system should seek to look like the network services provided under group health insurance. This would include requirements that all medical treatments and services be ordered by a primary care provider. There would be limits placed upon retrospective reviews of medical necessity and the prompt payment procedures that

now apply to group health plans would cover workers' compensation.

Group health insurance carriers would also be allowed to offer workers' comp policies as a product.

The Sunset Advisory Commission also urged that the cap on injured workers' income benefits be increased from 100 percent of the State Average Weekly Wage to 130 percent of it. The current 28 day waiting period requirement to receive payments of the first week of benefits would be reduced to 14 days.

There should also be requirements for skilled case managers as early as practical for assisting with lost time disability cases.

As I mentioned earlier, there are committees in both chambers now looking at how to fix this broken system and the final legislative product may vary significantly from the Sunset

Advisory Committee recommendations.

What is certain, however, is that injured employees are the ones being hurt the most by the failures of Texas' current system of workers compensation. While the expense of the current system is unacceptably high when measured in dollars, it also far too costly in lost human potential.



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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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Bill Shaw passes away Dec. 30

William John (Bill) Shaw IV, of Salado, passed away Dec. 30, 2004 at Park Place Nursing Home. He was 86.

Graveside services were held Jan. 3 in Salado Cemetery with Rev. Grady Brittain officiating.

Shaw was born in Akron, OH, on Dec. 1, 1918. He graduated from Cincinnati Art Institute where he received a degree in commercial art. He later served in the Army Air Force during World War II, as a flight instructor.

While stationed at San Marcos he met and married Batista Simpson in



Bill Shaw

1944. After the war, they moved to Dallas, where he joined the TedWorkman Advertising Agency. He later opened his own agency, Shaw Studios. He

had numerous commercial advertising accounts, such as Republic National Life, Fidelity Union.

He also designed ads for Freddy Kilowatt,

Saladmaster, and Honey Bee. He moved to Salado 22 years ago, and did the advertising for Salado for many years, including the Christmas Stroll and Art Fair.

Shaw was former president of the Salado Historic Society and the Merchant's Association. The Shaw's had a shop called The Granary on Rock Creek Drive for 10 years. He also did advertising for Scott & White Hospital for several years.

Survivors are his wife of 60 years, Batista Shaw, their children: Sandy Johnston, and her husband, Terry, Billie Sue Scales, and her husband, David. Grandchildren are Brady Johnston, Shawn Wolff, and her husband, Todd, Taylor Hutton, and Trey Hutton. He had two great-grandchildren: Austin and Tyler Wolff, of Austin.

Harper-Talasek/Salado Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Salado Church of Christ holds open house at new Activity Center

The Salado Church of Christ will hold a community-wide open house for the church's newly completed Activity Center, 2-4 p.m. Jan. 16.

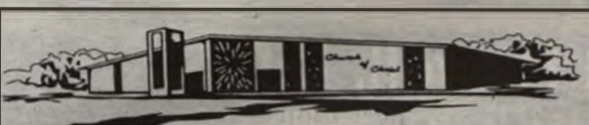
The public is invited to

attend. The new facility is located across Church Street and directly east of the main church building.

Salado mayor Rick Ashe will offer words of welcome, and the church's minister Joe Keyes will outline some of the ways in which the church hopes

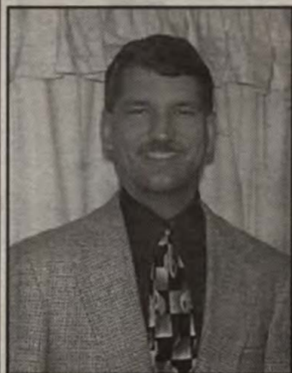
the new building will serve Salado.

The short program will feature the Brentwood Oaks Singer, an acapella choral group from Austin. Refreshments will be served and guests will be able to take a tour of the new facility.



The Salado Church of Christ welcomes you to our services this week

Sunday Morning Service • Jan. 9, 2005



Joe Keyes
Minister

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A Conversation

As the bright lights of Christmas sparkled on the tree
It was Christmas Day when the Savior came for me.
He stretched out his hand and said "Homer come home.
You're tired and weary and you're not alone.

You're a man who loves family, as all can see.
Now it is time to come home and be with me."
"Lord, I'm not ready to go with you.
What are my wife Maddy and kids going to do?

They were my life for so many years.
We had happy times, sad times, laughter and tears."
"But your job here is finished and completed, my son.
Your family will carry on what you have begun.

So take my hand Homer, and walk into the light.
Love there will surround you and hold you tight."
"Okay, my dear Savior, I'm ready to go,
but I have a question, I have to know.

Will you watch over my family, they are my first love."
"We will both watch over them Homer, from heaven above."
"Lord, I'm no longer hurting, I feel like a young boy."
"Where you're going, Homer, there will be only joy."

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The Isaacs singing at Temple College

Southern Gospel music group, The Isaacs, will appear in concert 6:30 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Mary Marshall Auditorium on the campus of Temple College. Also appearing with The Isaacs will be the Central Texas-based group, the Messenger Quartet.

The performance is being sponsored by Cedar Valley Music Ministries, of Salado.

Based out of Lafollette, TN, The Isaacs are a family group that has traveled for over 30 years. Theirs is a style that marries bluegrass harmonies and instrumentation with modern southern gospel lyrics.

Their musical influences stem from all genres of music, including bluegrass, rhythm and blues, folk, contemporary acoustic and southern gospel.

They perform frequently at the Grand Ole Opry, are active members of the Gaither Homecoming Videos and Concert Series, and travel throughout the year performing nationally. They have performed the National Anthem for many events, including a Cincinnati Bengal's football game, several Nashville Predators hockey games, various political rallies, and most recently at Carnegie Hall for a Gaither Homecoming Video.

A concession stand

Crawford to address St. Stephen Women

Melissa Crawford, Temple College Professor teaching Bible studies, will be presenting a program "Biblical Women of the Old and New Testaments" at the St. Stephen Women's Society 6:30 p.m. Jan. 10 meeting.

All interested women in Salado are invited to attend.

The meeting is at the St. Stephen Parish Hall. The St. Stephen Catholic Church is east of I-35 at the 183 exit, just east of the Wildfire Ranch.



featuring sandwiches, sausage wraps, nachos, tacos, soda and more. Homemade snacks, as well as whole cakes and pies will also be offered. Tickets for the show are priced at \$12 if purchased in advance, or \$14 if

purchased at the door.

They are available for purchase at the RMK Gallery in Belton, 122 N. Penelope and in Temple at the Lifeway Christian Store, or at Holze Music Store.

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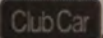
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SPORTS

Eagles move up to #2 despite dropping two games last week

Salado boys basketball coach Tom Long isn't quite sure whether it was the long road trip, all the big meals, the leisurely diversions or the quality of opponents that led to the Eagles' 1-2 showing in the 30-plus team Lubbock Caprock Classic Dec. 29-31.

But the fact that Salado (ranked second in the Jan. 3 coaches poll) faced 4A and 5A teams, and committed an atypical number of turnovers, likely had something to do with it.

The Eagles drew Class 5A El Paso Franklin in the first round, and had a difficult time establishing an offensive rhythm, never quite managing to get on track. They were not blown out by the larger school, however, as the Eagle defense played pretty well in a nine-point, 45-36 defeat.

Travis Clark was the lone Salado player getting it done offensively, as he topped all Eagles with 15 points. Ryan Clark and Devon Dunn both dropped in six points, and James Gregurek had five. Also scoring were Matt Jennings and Nick Ever-

ett, who each contributed two.

The loss then pitted Salado against Amarillo Caprock, and although the Eagle offense woke up a bit, the end result was no different from round one, as Salado was defeated by a score of 56-46.

This game will fall into the category of those which Coach Long would like to have another crack at. His team, despite a number of turnovers, was in it well into the fourth.

Devon Dunn, coming off a recent Dec. 21 game against Academy where he scored 20 points, came out hot versus Caprock, scoring eight of Salado's 13 first period points. Despite Dunn's efforts, the Eagles found themselves trailing after the first, 17-13.

Salado continued to keep the game close in the second, converting all eight of their free throw shots in that period and chipping into the Caprock lead, eventually pulling to within one, 31-30, at half-time.

Ryan Clark's two three pointers in the third helped

the Eagles keep pace, but it was the fourth period which had Caprock hitting on 8-10 from the charity stripe that proved to be the difference in the game, as the Eagles fell by 10 points.

Dunn's 15 points led all scorers. He was the only Eagle to break double-digits in the game. Jennings scored seven of his nine points in the second, while Ryan Clark finished with six and older brother Travis notched five. Gregurek recorded four points, Blake Newman had three, and Scott Williams and Nick Everett each accounted for two points.

Perhaps feeling frustrated from underperforming in their first two games, the Eagles vented a bit in their final contest of the tourney, thumping Amarillo Trinity by a score of 55-32.

Judging from the opening quarter, though, it didn't appear that Salado would run away with the game. Trinity actually led this one after one, 15-11, but the Eagle defense tightened up in the sec-

ond, surrendering just four points while scoring 13 of their own to break open a 24-19 halftime advantage.

With Trinity putting together only five points in the third, Salado poured in 20 more to increase the lead to 44-24 entering the fourth, when Long allowed some of the JV players who made the trip to get some playing time. Tanner Myers and Chad Tumey had something to take away from their Varsity experience, as both scored two points in the fourth.

Leading the Salado offense was Travis Clark, who tallied 16 points. James Gregurek hit double-digits in this one, recording 11 points total. Jennings finished the game with eight, while Ryan Clark and Barrett Brashier each had five. Rounding out the scorers were Devon Dunn, who had four, and Nick Everett, who scored two.

Salado (11-6, 1-0), traveled to Lexington Jan. 4, but will play at home Jan. 7 versus Florence. Games begin at 5 p.m.

Lady Eagles edge out Liberty Hill, split games at Gatesville tourney

The Salado Lady Eagles, following a consolation game loss at the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Tournament, used stifling second half defense to overcome their

own late-game offensive struggles and squeak by Class 3A Liberty Hill 40-37 on New Year's Eve.

Salado, now 13-7 overall and 2-1 in district, was aided by an 18-point effort in the second period, which allowed them to steal the lead after falling behind 17-12 at the end of one.

No single Lady Eagle lit up the scoreboard in this one, with the offensive production spread out among five different players, led by Kate Marshall's 10 first half points and Jenny Goode's eight points. Salado's six-point advantage in scoring in the second afforded the home team a 30-29 lead at half-time.

In the second half both team's offenses went silent. While the Lady Eagles struggled to score just two points in the third, the Lady Panthers didn't fare much better, posting four points to regain the lead at 33-32 entering the deciding period.

Salado, with two points each from Goode, Kristen

Smith, Nicole Weatherly and Kelsey Gobin, managed to take the lead and hold on to it, limiting Liberty Hill to only four points in the fourth and eight for the entire second half.

Goode led Salado with a dozen points. Marshall and Gobin each scored eight, while Tamra Stanish and Weatherly both had four. Kristen Smith and Lauren Haire both had two.

Through 20 games Goode is boasting a well-rounded statline, averaging 14.3 ppg, 4.8 boards, 4.6 assists and 3.9 steals.

Preceding the game against Liberty Hill, the Lady Eagles completed action in the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Tournament, held Dec. 27-29.

Salado faced a tough draw to start, falling to Waco University (ranked 15th in Class 4A), but rebounded to take down Tarkington in round two.

which Salado had defeated twice already.

A 46-30 win in round three made it a hat trick over Clifton for the Lady Eagles. Salado jumped out to a 13-6 lead in the first, and strong defensive play kept Clifton at length the entire game. In fact, no Clifton player tallied more than seven points.


Kate Marshall's 13 points led all scorers, while Goode was close behind with 12 points, to go along with seven assists and five boards. Kelsey Gobin closed out the game with seven points, while Brittany Boydston and Tamra Stanish each scored four. Rounding out the scorers were Lauren Haire, three, and Nicole Weatherly, three.

Moving on to the consolation game, Salado faced another big challenge in taking on Class 5A private school San Antonio Antonian.

Offensive rebounds told the story of this game, as Salado grabbed just

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LADY EAGLES — FROM 6A

nine and Antonian seemed to come down with almost every one on their end of the court, enabling the south Texas squad to win in a close one, 53-47.

Rebounding troubles aside, Salado still had a very real chance to come away with a win, as they held leads of 19-12 after one (marked by 14 points from Goode) and 30-28 at halftime.

The Lady Eagles let it slip away in the second, however, as Goode's four points in the third accounted for all of Salado's points in that period. A strong comeback attempt in fourth, 43-34, came up just short as Antonian charged off the Salado charge and won the game by six points.

Although she finished with a game-high 19 points, Goode was pretty quiet after the first. No

other Lady Eagle hit double-digits in points, but Kelsey Gobin and Kelsey Smith did score seven each, while Marshall contributed six. Also scoring were Kristen Smith, four, and Brittany Boydston, four.

Following a district game against state-ranked Lexington Jan. 4, Salado will host Florence Jan. 7.

Junior Varsity

The JV Lady Eagles also played Liberty Hill Dec. 31, but unlike the Varsity, the underclassmen were defeated by a score of 37-30.

Had Salado managed more than 11 points in the first half, the contest likely would have gone down the closing moments. But the visiting Lady Panthers jumped out to a 22-11 lead that a resilient second half from Salado couldn't eclipse.

Leading the Lady Eagle offense were Mary Runyon and Courtney Dunnahoo, who each had nine.

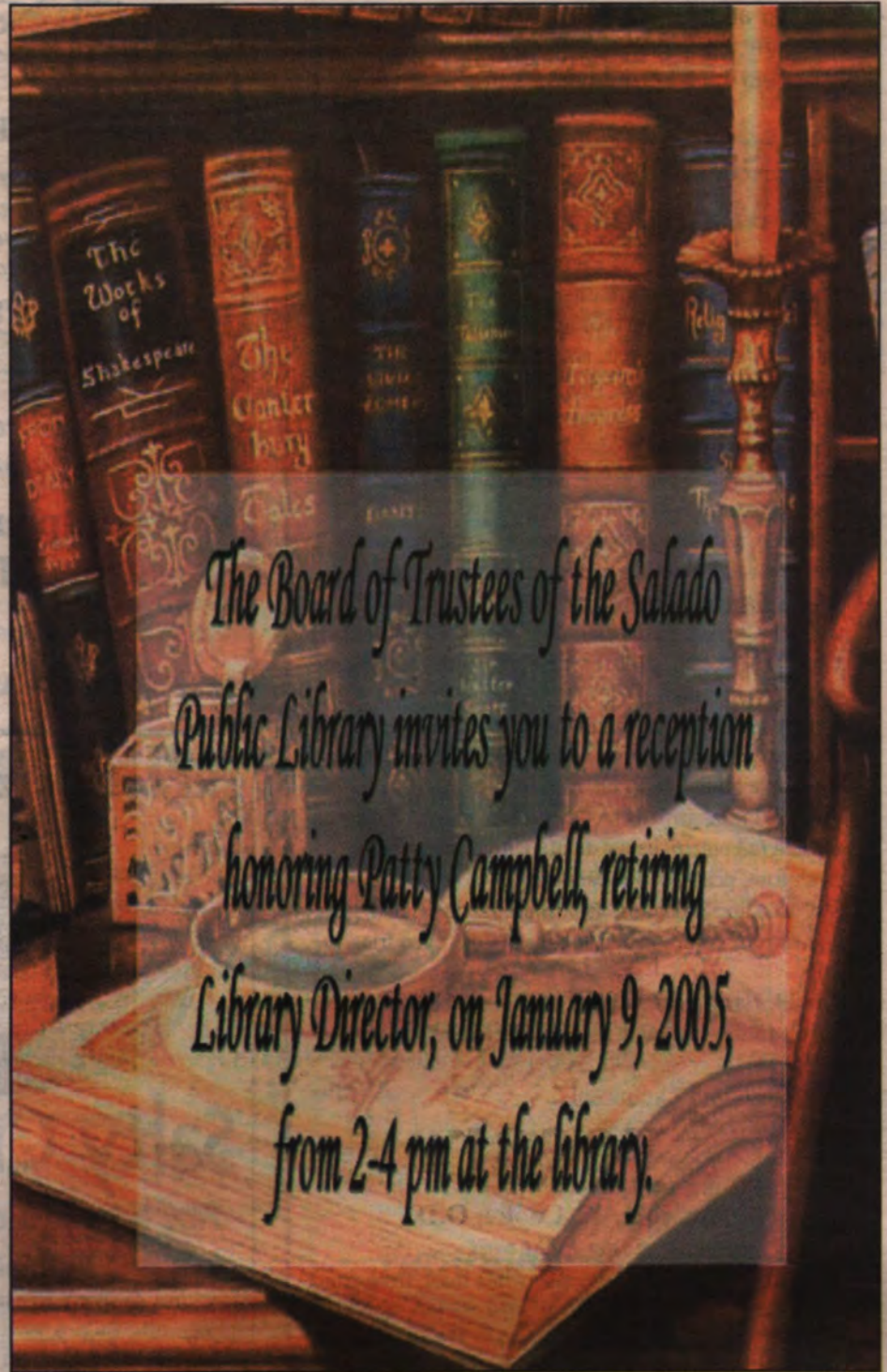
Brittany Gilchrest scored six and Jessica Shumate chipped in four.

Prior to that, the JV Lady Eagles last played Dec. 21 against Academy, and were defeated 30-14.

Things didn't start out bad for Salado, however. The girls scored the only four points notched in the first, but surrendered 15 in the second, resulting in a five point lead for Academy at the half.

Dunahoo was responsible for the remainder of Salado's, scoring four in the third. Academy put the game away with 10 in the fourth.

Natalee Cantrell scored six points, which led Salado, and Shumate had two.



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Jan. 11: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, fresh fruit, rolls, chef salad, hoagie, milk.

Jan. 12: Pizza, yogurt & fruit plate, hoagie, corn, breadstick, peaches, milk.

Jan. 13: Nachos, chef salad, hoagie, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, milk.

Jan. 14: Cheeseburger on a roll, chef salad, hoagie, burger salad, oven fries, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Lunch Salado Intermediate & High Schools

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Jan. 12: Pizza, grilled chicken on bun, pizza, chef salad, roasted red potato, baked potato, burger salad, corn, fresh fruit, peaches, breadstick, milk.

Jan. 13: Chicken fajitas, nachos, pizza, chef salad, peas and carrots, corn, fresh fruit, mixed fruit, oven fries, milk.

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Patty Campbell

Public invited to reception Salado Library honors retiring librarian Jan. 9

The Salado Public Library will hold a reception 2-4 p.m. Jan. 9 at the library, to honor retiring Library Director Patty Campbell.

Campbell moved to Salado in 1993, after retiring as a school librarian from Richardson ISD, near Dallas. Upon settling in Salado, Campbell soon began volunteering at the Salado Library.

Before working as the Salado ISD Librarian, Patty worked part-time at the Salado Village Voice newspaper.

Following a year-long stint at Salado ISD as school librarian, Campbell was hired on as librarian for the Salado Library, which had recently moved from the Double Eagle Center (now Old Town Salado) to the Salado

Civic Center.

In 1998, the Salado Public Library District was formed, and Campbell added two more librarians to assist her and the volunteers.

Campbell says some of the highlights of the job included watching the library grow from a small space at the Civic Center to the current 4,000 sq. ft. location at the top of the list. Campbell was instrumental in planning the layout of the new library and moving books, furniture and papers to the new building in April 2003.

Her retirement from the Salado Library will wrap-up a 40-year career as a librarian, although she plans to continue on at the library as a volunteer.

The public is invited to the Jan. 9 reception.

Concert gig in private dig slated Jan. 29

The fourth Concert Gig in Private Digs has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 the home of Dr. Donald and Micki Ellis of Salado.

Denise Thomssen and Esta Hansen will perform along with guitarist Pedro Quirino. Since Valentine's Day will be just around the corner, the focus of music will be "Love Songs". There will be a free will offering at the door. The proceeds will go to the St. Louis School endowment program in Austin. A reception will immediately follow the hour long concert.

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Aldermen to mull more ETJ requests

Salado aldermen will consider accepting the petitions of 11 property owners for inclusion in the Village of Salado Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) during their regular meeting 6:30 p.m. Jan. 6 at the Municipal Building.

The properties are scattered around the area, but fill in holes of earlier ETJ expansions on Brewer Rd., Blackberry Rd. and FM 2843. The Village will consider accepting ETJ expansion requests only from property owners within the boundaries of the Salado school district, provided that they meet the other requirements of inclusion in the ETJ of Salado.

To-date, the Village of Salado has accepted

477 requests for inclusion into its ETJ from property owners.

Petitions to request inclusion into the ETJ of Salado are available at the Village of Salado municipal office on Robertson Rd. A property must be contiguous to, or touching, the ETJ boundary of Salado in order to be considered for acceptance into the Village ETJ.

In other business, aldermen will review their annual goals, swear in municipal judge Arthur C. "Cappy" Eads and hear reports from Police Chief Alan Rogers and Tourism Director Debbie Charbonneau. Charbonneau will head a workshop later this month on Tourism in Salado.

Chamber banquet set Jan. 25 at Tenroc

Salado Chamber of Commerce will celebrate "The Way We Were" with its annual banquet 6:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Tenroc Event Center.

Invitations were mailed this week to Chamber members and tickets will be available next week at the Chamber office in the Salado Civic Center on Main St.

The meal of roasted chicken or roasted beef with baby carrots, garlic mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, homemade peach cobbler and ice cream and coffee or tea will be catered by Maggie's of Summer's Mill. Tickets are \$35 per person.

Grainger and Penny Esch, of Salado Silver Spur Theater, will entertain guests during the banquet.

Jack Schrock will review the year as the 2004 President and Charlotte Douglass will discuss plans for 2005.

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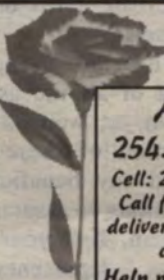


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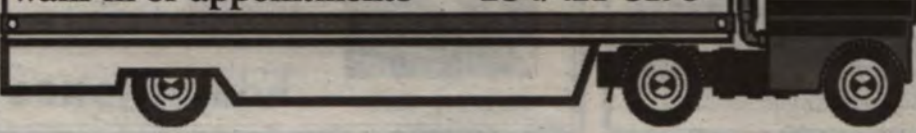
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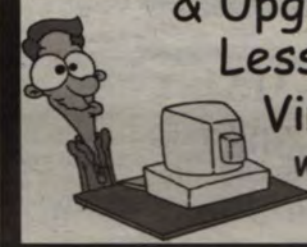
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— Assemble your estate-planning team

Your estate-planning team can include an investment professional, an attorney, a tax professional, an insurance consultant, and you. Use this team to help you complete the following steps.

— Identify your objectives

Your first step is to set out some broad goals, such as these:

- Distribute assets fairly to family members.
- Designate someone to handle your financial affairs if you become incapacitated.
- Support charitable, religious or educational institutions
- Name a guardian to take care of your minor children, should you and your spouse die pre-

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— Create a list of all your assets

You'll need an accurate list of all the assets you own, as well as the registration of these assets and any beneficiary designations associated with them. Ask your investment representative or attorney if he or she can provide a document that will help in organizing this information.

— Create the legal papers you'll need

Estate planning can involve a variety of legal documents. Here are some of the most common ones:

- Will - Insures that your assets transfer in the manner that you choose.
- Revocable living trust - Assists in distributing assets to beneficiaries, protecting assets, carrying out your wishes if you become incapacitated and

minimizing estate taxes.

• Durable power of attorney - Names someone to make financial and health care decisions on your behalf should you become unable to do so.

• Health care directive/living will - Provides evidence of your wishes regarding the administering of life-prolonging procedures when you are no longer able to communicate.

— Estimate estate taxes

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— Explore ways to reduce estate taxes

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The love that started country music is the story told in *Keep on the Sunny Side*, slated for a Jan. 9 performance at the Cultural Activities Center in Temple.

Keep on Sunny Side set Jan. 9

It is sometimes difficult to tell, but the country music that so many love today is grown out of the music of country's first family, the Carters. The Barter Theatre will tell the story of that influential family 7 p.m. Jan. 9, when the Cultural Activities Center presents "Keep on the Sunny Side: The Songs and Story of the Carter Family."

Starting out as a shy, gospel trio from the Appalachian Mountains, the Carters' influence on not just country music, but on almost all genres of music produced today, has been enormous. A.P. Carter, his wife Sara and their sister-in-law Maybelle successfully brought country music into the mainstream by shifting the focus of their music from the hillbilly instruments to vocals. They pioneered an innovative style of guitar picking that was widely used for years and is still known today as "Carter-picking."

Their music spawned bluegrass music, a mainstay in today's meld of music and inspired countless rock, folk and bluegrass musicians alike. Following the Carters from their landmark first recording session in Bristol, Tennessee to their retirement and beyond in 1952, "Keep on the Sunny Side" features over two dozen of the Carter's best-known and best-loved songs and is an uplifting look at country music's roots.

A pre-show event will begin at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 9. Guests at this event will be treated to an exclusive "Question and Answer" session with the cast about the original Carter Family and bluegrass music. Guests will enjoy a catered barbeque dinner and the live music of the Steve Boatwright Band, a favorite at the local Wildflower Bluegrass Festival. Tickets for this event are a

bargain at \$5 each or \$20 when purchased with an adult ticket to "Keep on the Sunny Side." Tickets for the show are \$15 for adults and \$5

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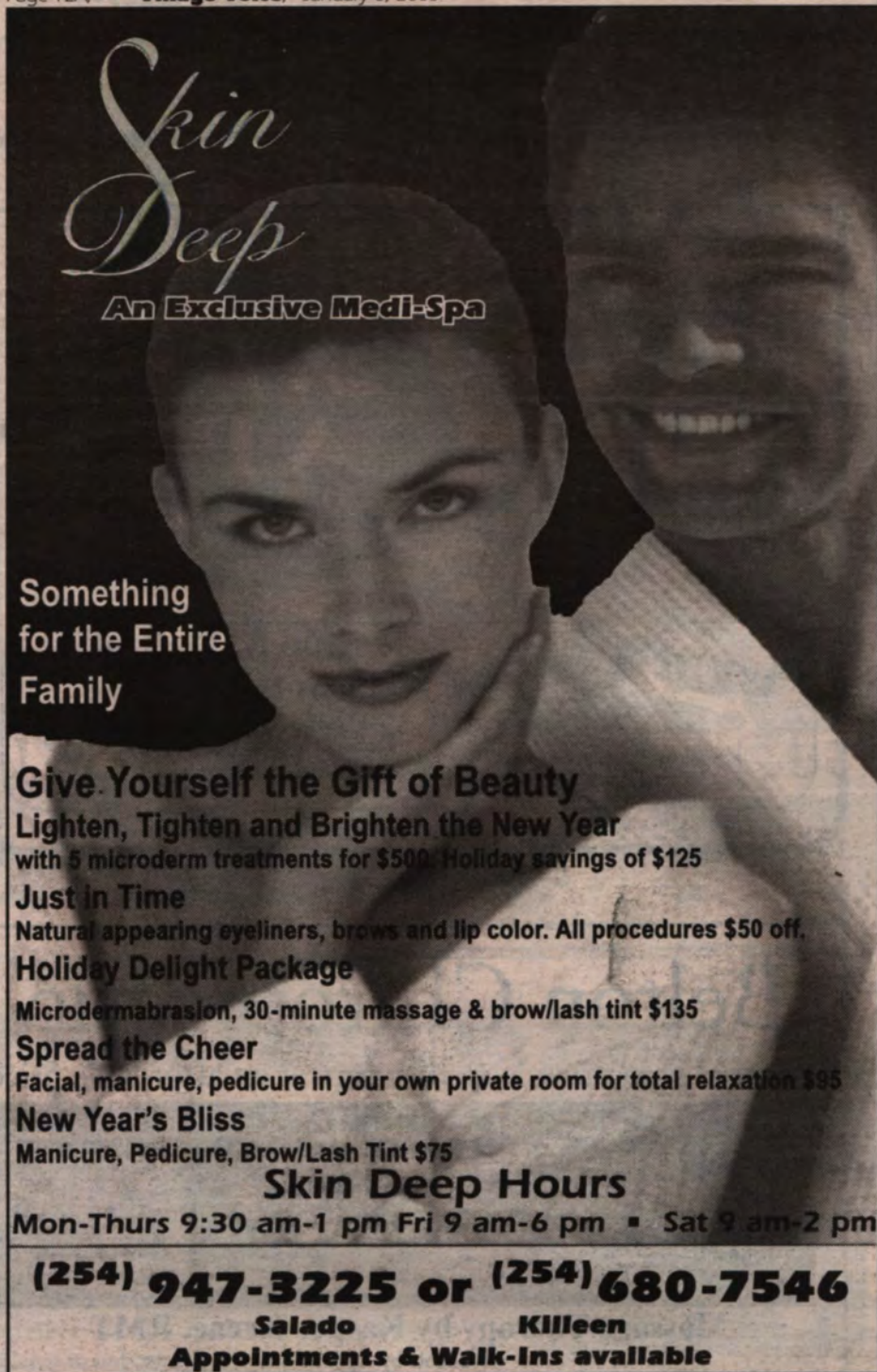

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Salado Village Artists plan big year

The Salado Village Artists are looking forward to a new year filled with programs workshops, competitions, and plain fun. The membership is made up of people in the Salado area who are interested in learning, teaching, or promoting art.

Additional activities are field trips, art shows, sales, and a division of stitchers who spend at least part of their time sewing for groups of foster children and the "Blankets for Linus" program.

The next SVA workshop scheduled will be a return visit from Mary Barton Feb. 16-18. Lunch will be provided during the three day workshop, which is limited to 18



Workshops are part of the benefits of belonging to the Salado Village Artists.

people. Call Helen Alexander at 947-1089 for more information.

The group meets at the art center, a freestanding building behind the Civic Center on north Main street, every Tuesday

morning. There they work on various projects, visit, and have refreshments.

Dues are \$30 a year and payable now. The amount may be mailed to the SVA at P.O. box 363, Salado, Texas 76571.

Time to renew MCCA dues

January is the time to renew your Mill Creek Community Association Membership for 2005.

Your MCCA Volunteer Board members ask that renewals be sent in quickly so that work on the 2005 Directory can be completed by the end of February. There have been over 70 new move-ins to Mill Creek during the year that need to be added. The membership committee works to have all addresses updated, so that our directory can be

your favorite phone book. Let the committee know of any changes that should be made: 947-3901 or email: breihsen@hotmail.com.

Welcome packets for new folks are available from Shelley Smith, 947-3567 or Bobbie Reihsen, 947-3901.

"Our most valued volunteers are the block captains who welcome new residents and offer help and ideas to their neighbors," said Reihsen.

"MCCA welcomes all Mill Creek residents to become members, membership guarantees all families an invitation to the Spring Fling, Fall Social and Christmas

Dinner/Annual Membership meeting. We have a great Social Committee that loves to offer our members enjoyment of fellowship, dining, music, decorations for special evenings" she continued.

The Spring Fling Get-acquainted Party is presently being planned as well as the Spring Litter Clean-up Morning. This includes free coffee and donuts to start out with a free hotdog, chips etc. lunch at 11:30 a.m. to end the clean up morning.

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Salado: Jewel in the Crown to have color throughout; also available on the internet

The advertising deadline for the next publication of Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas is Feb. 1 for the Spring 2005 edition. The street date is Feb. 28-May. The Jewel is distributed with 20,000 copies per edition in every store, shop and restaurant advertising in the magazine as well as stand distribution. Included in the Jewel magazine is a user friendly shopping map of the village. To be listed on the shopping map, a business must have an ad in the Jewel. To reserve your next Jewel ad call 254/947-5321 or send in your order form. **To ensure accuracy and efficiency, we ask that you contact us now. We'll be happy to create an ad for you.**

With the Spring 2005 publication of the Jewel, the magazine will be in **FULL-COLOR THROUGHOUT** its 64-pages. The new prices reflect the additional cost of color. **At no extra fee the jewel pages will be placed on the internet.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The schedule for printing of the "Jewel" is:

Spring 2005 issue deadline is Feb. 1, to be distributed by the end of February

Summer 2005 issue deadline is May 3 to be distributed by the end of May

Fall 2005 issue deadline is Aug. 3 to be distributed by the end of August

Winter 2005 issue deadline is Nov. 1 to be distributed by Thanksgiving.

We are striving to have all ads approved and finalized for print by the deadline, so call today.

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What's happening around

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 9

Salado Public Library reception honoring retiring Library Director Patty Campbell, 2-5 p.m. at the library. Public is welcome.

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 17

Salado Independent School District Teacher Professional Development Day. No school for students.

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 7

Salado Independent School District Teacher Professional Development Day. No school for students.

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 comunal residences set-apart from their husbands, families and others who were considere unsanctified. Public is invited to attend.

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

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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 encourage 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 14-18

Salado schools out for Spring Break.

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

District holiday for Salado students and teachers.

MARCH 25-26-27

Easter Pageant at Tablerock Amphitheatre, 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 14

Ladies Auxiliary meeting, featuring a program by Susan Bolton of the Ronald McDonald House in Temple. Fellowship, 9:30 a.m., meeting to follow at 10 a.m. Public is invited. Info: Carolyn Milliser, 947-0899.

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. Info: 254-947-5100 or CVM USIC-MINISTRY@aol.com, or 254-947-9205. Tablerock amphitheater is located on Royal St.

APRIL 25

Salado Independent School District Teacher Professional Development Day. No school for students.

MAY 9-10

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

MAY 9

District holiday for Salado students and teachers.

MAY 12

Ladies Auxiliary meeting, featuring a program by Micki Ellis, owner of Etrulia's Resale Shop. Ellis will present a "Vintage Fashion Show" with Virginia Coper, fashion coordinator, and Merle Norman makeup by Debbie Hill. Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m., luncheon will follow.

Reservations required, call Carolyn Milliser, 947-0899, or Wylene Williams, 947-8610.

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.

MAY 24

Salado High School graduation ceremony at the Bell County Expo Center. Time TBA.

JUNE 13

Tablerock's Salado Legends rehearsals begin.

JULY 23, 30 & AUG. 6

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

AUGUST 6-7
39th Annual Salado Art Fair on the grounds of Pace Park. Artists and artisans from across Texas and the Southwest on hand. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 947-5040.

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

OCTOBER 29, 30 & 31

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

NOVEMBER 26-27

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

DECEMBER 2-3

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

DECEMBER 2-4 & 9-11

Annual Christmas Stroll celebration in the Village Salado.

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All club listings will be listing on saladovillagevoice.com, as well.

Please be sure we have accurate information for the community. If changes are needed, they can be sent to the above addresses,

Mondays

Salado Community Chorus: 5:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 105 Salado Plaza Dr.

Boy Scouts: Each Monday, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

Monday Club: 1st Mon., 2 p.m., Salado United Methodist Church.

Salado Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Mon., 6 p.m., at Civic Center.

Salado FFA Meeting: First Monday of the month, 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

Salado L.S.D. Board of Trustees: 3rd Mon. at 6 p.m., at Salado Civic Center.

Salado Library District Board: 4th Mon. at 5:30 p.m., at Salado Public Library Building.

Salado Masonic Lodge #296: 8 p.m. on the Mon. on or before the full moon.

Salado Village Artist Quilters: 1-4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mon. in the Salado Village Artist Building.

Storytime: 11-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Salado Public Library (ages 3-5).

Salado 4-H Club: 1st Mon. through May, 7 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary.

Exercise Class: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. every Monday. Class includes stretching, strengthening and Pilates. Bring a mat or blanket. Held at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public. No class Memorial Day, May 31.

Salado Democrats: 6:30 p.m., first Monday of each month at the Civic Center.

Salado Youth Fair Boosters: Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the elementary school library.

Tuesdays

Salado Rotary Club: 11:30 a.m., Stagecoach Inn.

Yoga Classes: 6:45 p.m., Chisholm Trail Room, downstairs at Stagecoach Inn.

Salado Village Artists: 10 a.m. at Salado Art Center.

Salado Family Relief Fund: 2nd Tues. 1 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

Salado High School Band Boosters: 2nd Tues. of every month 7 p.m. in the Band Hall.

Salado Historical Society: board of directors, 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Salado Civic Center.

Salado Area Republican Women: 3rd Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-8422 or 947-3617 for information.

Salado Poets and Storytellers Guild: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Public is welcome.

Wednesdays

Salado Creekside Cloggers: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Salado: Celebrate Recovery, Christian 12-step program, 6-7:30 p.m. Open to everyone dealing with personal hurts, habits or hang-ups. Info: 947-5465.

Salado Youth Baseball Association: meetings 7 p.m. at Civic Center.

Salado Presbyterian Church: Friends meet second and fourth Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon. All women welcome. Info: 947-5982.

Lions Club: 2nd & 4th Wed. at 11:30 a.m., Creekside. Board meets 2nd Wed. 8 a.m.

Mill Creek Community Association Board: 3rd Wed., 5 p.m., at Civic Center.

Scottish Country Dance Lessons: 8-9:30 p.m. at the Scots Hall of the Clans. 947-0325

Thursdays

Salado Area Republican Women: 4th Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-3617 or e-mail denisarw@vvm.com, for information.

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen: Regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Municipal Building unless otherwise posted.

Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA: 1st Thurs. 6 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn. 947-0173.

Salado Ladies Auxiliary: 2nd Thurs., 10 a.m., Salado Civic Center

Salado Water Corporation Board of Directors: 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m. Corporation office.

PTC: (SIS Parent Teacher Co-op) meets the 2nd Thursday 3:45 p.m. in Room 101 at SIS.

Salado Education Foundation: Regular Board meetings, 9 a.m. 2nd Thurs. at Salado Civic Center.

Salado Business Association: General meetings, 3rd Thursday 8:45 a.m. upstairs at the Civic Center.

Salado Neighborhood Group of the American Sewing Guild: 3rd Thurs. of each month 5:30 p.m. at The Sewing Basket.

Salado Moms, playgroup, contact: saladomoms@lantanatech.com.

Saturdays

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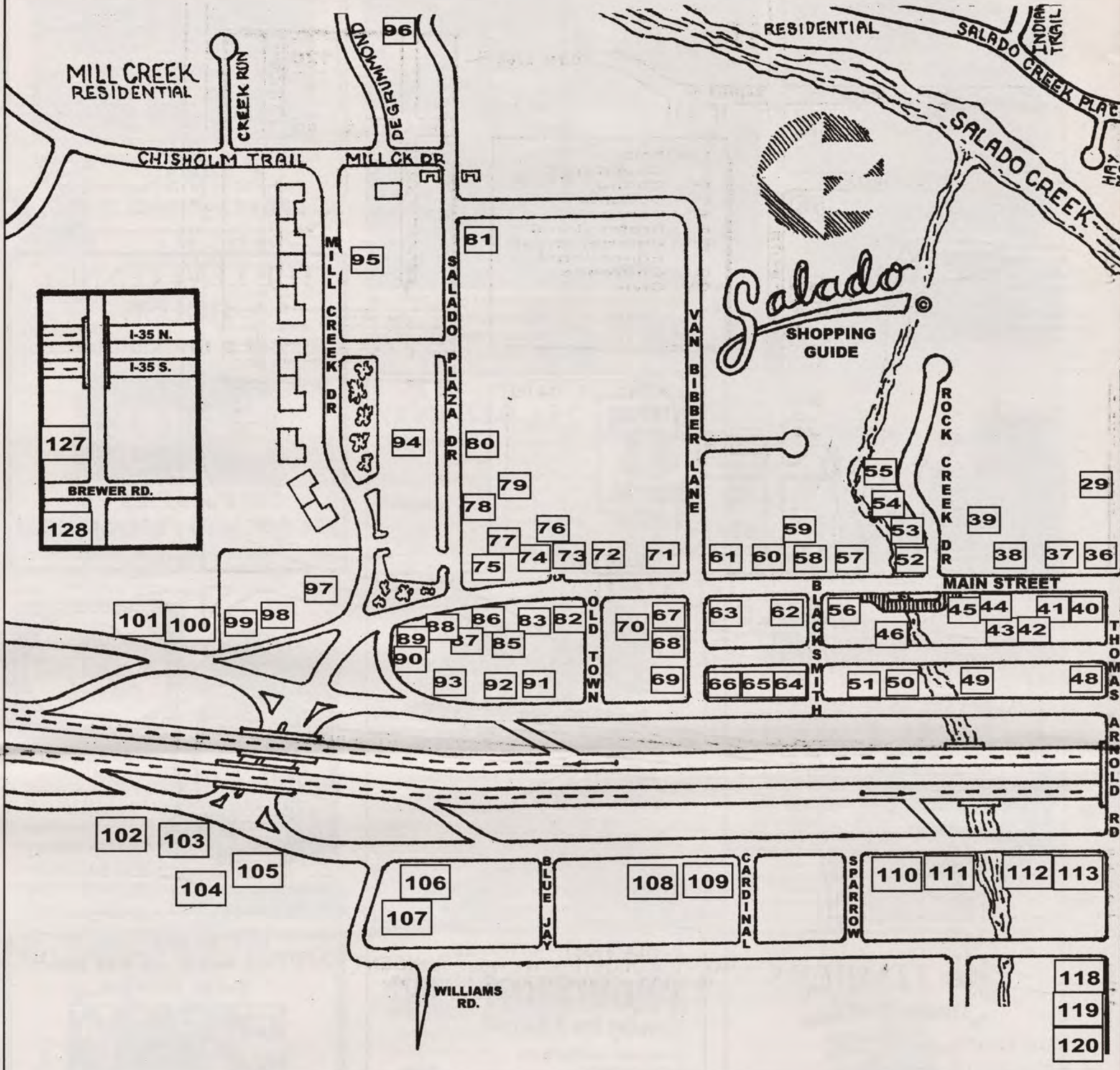
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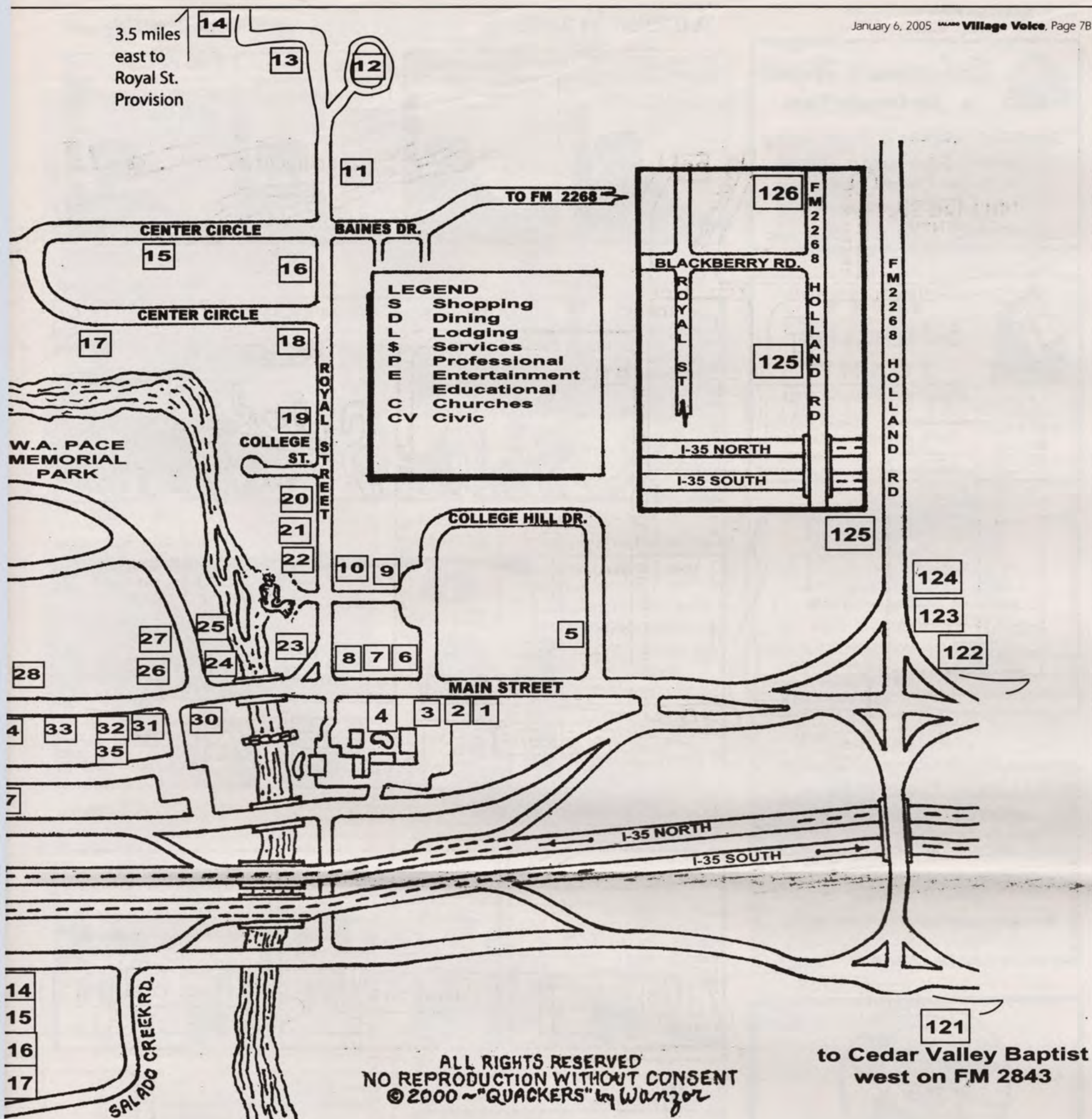
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- ♦ 7 2
- ♣ A 8 4

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- ♥ Q 7 6 3 2
- ♦ J 8 6
- ♣ Q 10 9 3

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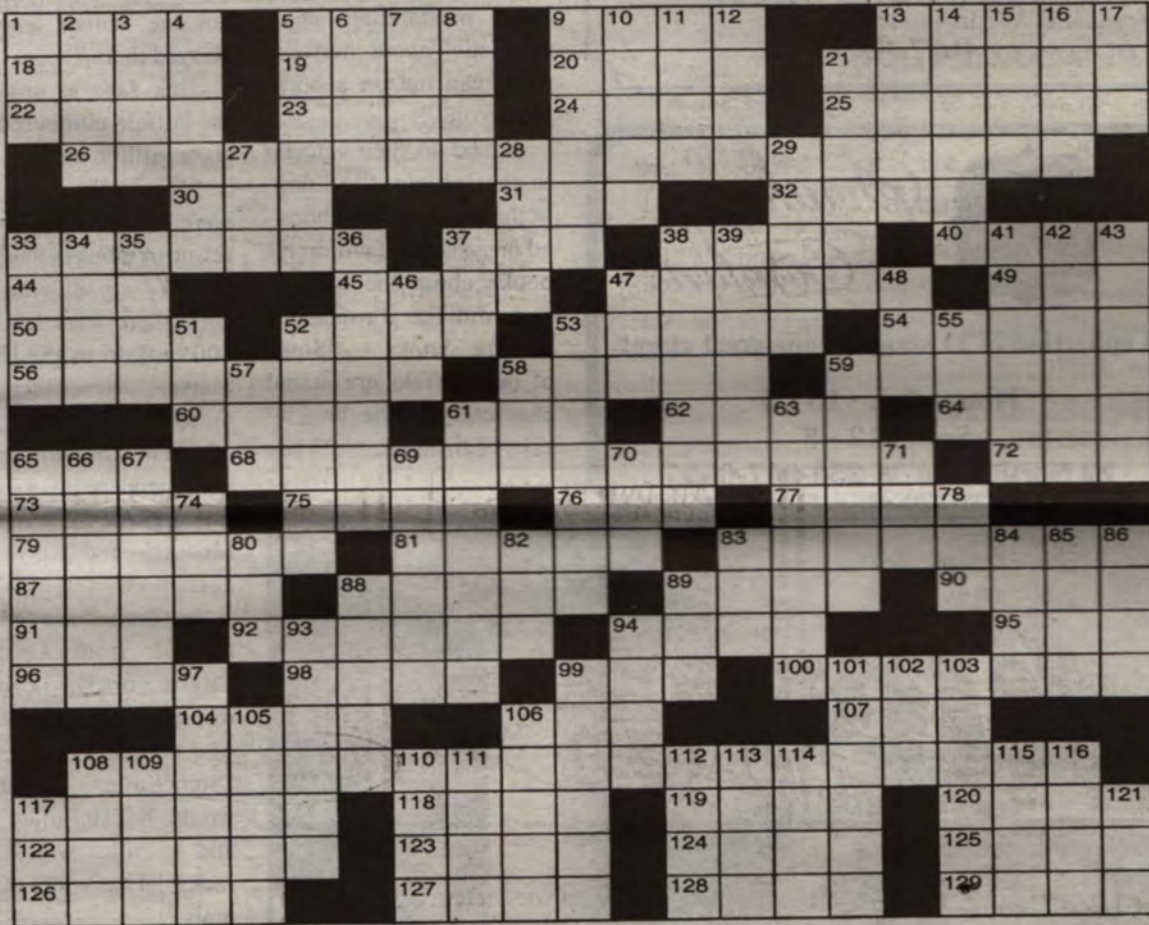
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 - 22 "— It Up" ('73 hit)
 - 23 A roaring success?
 - 24 Nary a soul
 - 25 Actress Address
 - 26 Start of a remark by Laurence J. Peter
 - 30 Unfashionable
 - 31 Castilian cry
 - 32 "— and shine!"
 - 33 Part 2 of remark
 - 37 "Golden Girl" McClanahan
 - 38 Read quickly
 - 40 Spellbound
 - 44 Generation
 - 45 McGregor of "Train-spotting"
 - 47 Company
 - 49 Hot off the press
 - 50 Mirth
 - 52 Tennis legend
 - 53 Kanga's creator
 - 54 Crafter's need
 - 56 Anderson's "Tea and —"
 - 58 Shucks
 - 59 "Beagle" passenger
 - 60 —
 - 61 Spumante
 - 61 Lout
 - 62 "State Fair" state
 - 64 Etta of the comics
 - 65 Commercials
 - 68 Part 3 of remark
 - 72 Actor Fernando
 - 73 Learning method
 - 75 Grant or Elwes
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 - 77 Emulated Pinocchio
 - 79 Winter wear
 - 81 Milo of "Ulysses"
 - 83 Malamutes and huskies
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 - 92 Ullman or Gold
 - 94 Flicka's foot
 - 95 Chum
 - 96 Harper of "Tender Mercies"
 - 98 Adequate
 - 99 Understanding
 - 100 Part 4 of remark
 - 104 Lug
 - 106 Actress Zadora
 - 107 TV's "Have — Will Travel"
 - 108 End of remark
 - 117 Infantry action
 - 118 Cheeseboard choice
 - 119 Landed
 - 120 Bearing
 - 122 Like Corn Belt soil
 - 123 Congenial
 - 124 — list
 - 125 Beige
 - 126 "The Threepenny Opera" star
 - 127 Antlered animal
 - 128 Out-of-this-world org.
 - 129 Meat cut
 - 3 Sinister
 - 4 Wine variety
 - 5 Greet the general
 - 6 Rainbow goddess
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 - 9 Wicked thing?
 - 10 At large
 - 11 — May Wong
 - 12 Jury member
 - 13 Knitting stitches
 - 14 Less demanding
 - 15 Part of Micronesia
 - 16 Colleague of 101
 - 17 Rug type
 - 21 Like a Vermont village
 - 27 "What?"
 - 28 It may be common
 - 29 Rub out
 - 33 Packs groceries
 - 34 "The — Dachshund" ('66 film)
 - 35 Swarm (with)
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 - 37 — Dawn Chong
 - 38 Made mucky
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 - 42 Clothing category
 - 43 Jacksonian bill
 - 46 Kid's query
 - 47 Hodges of baseball
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 - 53 Winter wear
 - 55 Joan Van —
 - 57 Lava particles
 - 58 "Ball —"
 - 59 '73 Elton John hit
 - 61 Ancient epic
 - 63 Prosperous
 - 65 Genesis peak
 - 66 Contribute
 - 67 Ranges
 - 69 Beethoven symphony
 - 70 Air safety org.
 - 71 Nugent or Knight
 - 74 Poetic preposition
 - 78 Banned pesticide
 - 80 Picnic pest
 - 82 "Yo!"
 - 83 — Canals
 - 84 Klutz's cry
 - 85 Mardi —
 - 86 Farm feature
 - 88 Rouse
 - 89 Finished first
 - 93 Act like the Earth
 - 94 "— Wave" ('63 hit)
 - 97 Comic Kaye
 - 99 "Trees" poet
 - 101 Author Christie
 - 102 Word with fruit or Stanley
 - 103 Crown covering
 - 105 Florida city
 - 106 Locale
 - 108 Knight time
 - 109 Muscat's nation
 - 110 Be inclined
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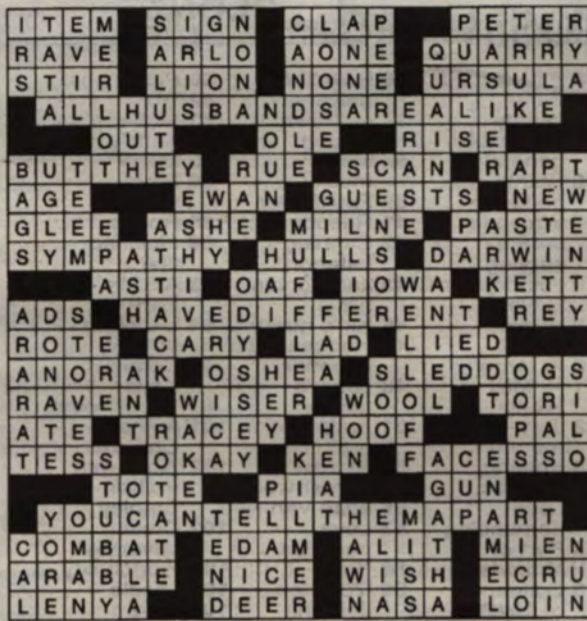
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Tumbleweed Smith



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"A buffalo is unpredictable," says Elizabeth. "They're very very smart." Jack says they are strong and unbelievably quick. "Quickness is the most outstanding characteristic about buffalo. They can outrun a horse two to one."

Based on their interest in the buffalo, the Longbothams have collaborated on a series of children's books about the buffalo. Jack did the illustrations for the books. "Some of our buffalo are actual characters in the books," says Elizabeth. "They

have names like Buffalo Bill and Cody. The books tell about their life on the plains."

In some of their presentations about the buffalo, they tell how the buffalo nearly became extinct. "It was the buffalo hunters who were greedy and wanted the hides to send up to New York for the wealthy ladies to have coats made out of them," says Elizabeth. "It was not the Indian who destroyed them."

Jack says at one time the buffalo numbered over sixty million head.

"Gradually as they were hunted they became fewer in number and were almost wiped out. In 1900 there were less than 800 buffalo in the United States. Now there are more than 220,000. Most of them are in private herds and state and national parks in Wyoming, Montana and North Dakota."

In Texas, the buffalo roamed from Colorado City to Fort Davis and all through the panhandle. The herds were big. "Sometimes the herds would be 50 miles long and 15 miles wide," says Jack. "That's lots of animals."

The Indians used everything on the buffalo: meat, horns, hide and hoofs. They depended on the buffalo for shelter, blankets, sewing needles, cookware, clothing and nearly everything else. "The buffalo was the Indian's commissary," says Jack. "Indians killed them by running herds off cliffs."

Buffalo hunting took place between 1965 and 1890. The hunters used a Sharp's rifle, which could fire a 50-caliber bullet several hundred yards. Buffalo bones littered the countryside and were sold to make fertilizer. "The bones were sold by the pound," says Jack. "Hunters brought them into wagon areas close to the train yards and loaded up boxcar after boxcar with bones. Later a trainload or two were put together and exported to England to make china dishes."

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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.

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Eggers injects life into short story genre

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

What makes the writing of Dave Eggers worthwhile is not so much what he writes about, but rather the humanity with which it is carried.

The 15 stories that fill his newest collection, "How We Are Hungry," serve as graceful, stylish proofs that the genre of short fiction is not completely dead and buried.

Which is a relief. One can only stomach the sight of so many of the diet books, legal/corporate thrillers, celebrity tell-alls and self-help manifestos that scourge the shelves of bookstores before nausea settles in.

The fact that one has to search out honest literary fiction, in the manner of a Christian champion questing for the Holy Grail, doesn't make its discovery any more satisfying - only frustrating in the sense that more of it is not widely available for consumption.

Beginning with the beguiling "Another" and finishing with the superbly executed "After I Was Thrown in the River and Before I Drowned" - told through the eyes of a dog - the stories in "How We Are Hungry" place their contemporary American subjects in diverse settings: Egypt, Scotland, Costa Rica, Tanzania and the always-exotic California.

One set stateside describes with economy the acute helplessness and anger of an individual - who could be any civilian in the United States - torn si-

multaneously by rage and grief over something that happened halfway across the globe.

Its title, "What It Means When a Crowd in a Faraway Nation Takes a Soldier Representing Your Own Nation, Shoots Him, Drags Him from His Vehicle and Then Mutilates Him in the Dust," is almost as long as the story itself. And that approach is appropriate for what Eggers' is trying to accomplish: taking a singular, gripping emotion and isolating it, stripping it bare and leaving it to either bake in the sun or shiver in the cold. There are no easy resolutions, Eggers seems to suggest, and the world is one without providence.

Others in the collection are more sprawling and complex - stretching the boundaries of the form. "Quiet," "The Only Meaning of the Oil-Wet Water," and "Up the Mountain, Coming Down Slowly" are all long, meandering vignettes about people who are in conflict with themselves because of the actions of others.

Still some border on satiric lightheartedness

("Your Mother and I," "Notes for a Story of a Man Who Will Not Die Alone"), and others are outright kitsch, such as "There Are Some Things He Should Keep to Himself," which consists of five blank pages.

But one aspect remains static - his characters are far from crystalline and flawless. They don't seem to realize why they do the things they do, and act as though they're caught in the motion of events as opposed to being the one manning the controls, as it were.

In fact, the character most cognizant of his circumstance and sense of self is the dog in the final story - he runs and jumps because it is fun for him to do so.

Considering the structural breadth of "How We Are Hungry," and Eggers' relative youth, the collection should by rights rank as one of the finer literary accomplishments of 2004.

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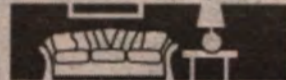
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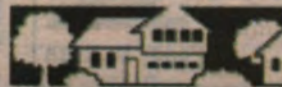


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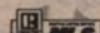


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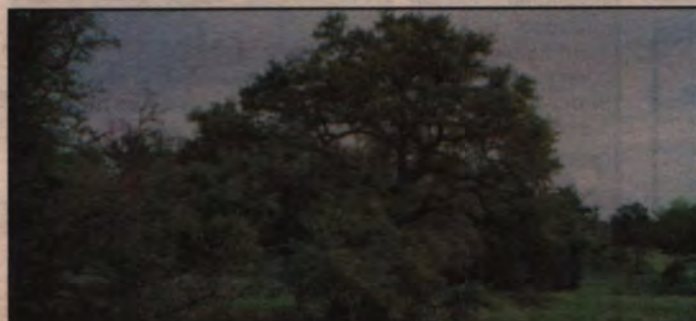
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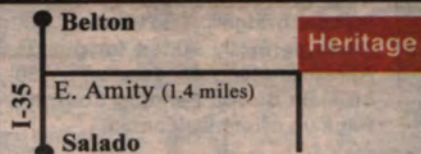
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With holidays past us, time to get busy

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Now that the holidays are over, it is time to get busy in the garden. If you have been neglecting it due to your many higher priority chores, start now.

Yes, we have had a relatively mild winter so far, but we still have January and February to get through. I can't think of better therapy for unwinding after the stress of the holidays than working in the garden. It is also a great way to help work off some of those Christmas calories.

Be sure to keep your cool season annuals well mulched. The mulch helps retain moisture and retain soil warmth. An added plus is that mulch will reduce weeds and save you some work. January is usually the coldest month. Our most cold hardy annuals are pansies, followed by dianthus, ornamental kale, violas, and snapdragons. These plants can survive temperatures in the 20s if kept well hydrated. When you know that a cold snap is on the way, be sure to give your beds a good drink.

Also, don't forget that our strong winds can dehydrate plants. Be especially attentive to plants in containers as they will dry out the quickest and need to be watered on a regular basis. For more tender plants such as sweet peas, you may want to cover them before a hard freeze. If you do this be sure to take off the cover as soon as it warms up or you could end up baking your favorites.

Don't forget your turf grass. Pay attention to our rainfall amounts. If we don't get at least an inch a month, you need to water it. The wind also dehydrates grass. It is important to keep the roots damp. Our warm season grasses (St. Augustine, Buffalo, Bermuda and Zoysia) do just fine with our occasional cold snap

as long as we remember to keep the roots hydrated; forget to do that and you will be replacing areas of your turf next spring. Be especially sensitive to rainfall amounts if you have St. Augustine grass.

If the holiday rush made you forget to plant those tulip and hyacinth bulbs last month, you can still plant them, but be sure to get them into the ground before the middle of the month. You can, if you wish, plant them in containers now. Be sure to keep beds, and containers, where bulbs are planted mulched and watered.

Don't forget that your house plants also need attention during this time of the year. With the heat on, they need extra humidity. Place them in groups to raise humidity or consider placing a tray of gravel filled half way with water under them. Make sure that the water does not touch the bottom of the pot; you do not want the soil to get too wet.

Most house plants do not need fertilizer this time of the year; however those that are blooming such as African violets and Orchids should be fertilized according to label instructions.

Outside, if you have a perennial that is not doing well in its current location, now is the time to move it to a new area. Be sure to have a good layer of mulch over the roots and crowns of tender perennials during the coldest time of the winter. Again, if we do not receive rain, perennial beds should receive periodic watering.

Now comes the part where you work off those Christmas calories. Prepare new beds for spring planting. You may want to put in additional annual or perennial beds. This is the perfect time of the year for it. The cool temperatures make it easier for me to tackle

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large projects; when it is really hot I lose motivation for things requiring lots of elbow grease and sweat. In addition, when it is cooler our soil tends to be wetter and not rock hard so it is easier to work. First remove any turf or weeds on the surface. Loosen and turn the top eight-to-10 inches of soil.

I realize we don't all have that much soil; loosen what is there. Then be sure to work in three-to-four inches of organic matter. One source I checked recommended six inches of organic matter. You can use all those leaves blowing around. Rake up the leaves and run over them with the lawn mower a few times and work them into your new bed. Add some finished compost to the mix and you will be set next spring. The better the soil is mixed the better your results.

You could use a tiller, but then you would lose all that calorie burning benefit. You might want to finish it off with a good layer of mulch to keep any weed seeds from

settling in. The mulch will also keep the bed from compacting again when we get those torrential spring rains.

You can start seed flats of slow growing annuals such as petunias and begonias in early January. In the last two weeks, start other plants such as tomatoes, peppers, and marigolds.

Next, check your junipers and other evergreens with narrow leaves for bagworm. Remove pouches by hand and burn them. This will reduce their potential for damage next spring.

Finally, be patient. Another growing season is just around the corner for us and will be here before you know it!

CTC offers course for entrepreneurs

Central Texas College's Business Administration department, in conjunction with the Continuing Education department, is offering Entrepreneurship and Business Plan Development as both a credit and non-credit course beginning Jan. 11. The class will meet 3-4:20 p.m. Jan. 11 through May 5.

Students will be guided through the development and writing of a business plan. Learn how to capitalize on strengths and minimize weaknesses by taking an in-depth look at the process. Richard Burke, instructor, is the owner of Burke Hunt Enterprises. Burke has planned the start-up or purchase of several local businesses, which he continues to manage, including Creative Concrete Coatings, Log Cabin

Learning Academies, The Garage Door Company and Trooper Sign Services.

Registration for the class, BUSG 1371, as college credit, ends Jan. 7.

To register for the class as non-credit course, which includes all the same information and no exams, visit the Continuing Education office in Building 119, Room 208. The cost is \$87 and students must register at least three business days before the class start date to avoid a \$5 late registration fee.

For information on all business education courses, call 526-1248 or log on to www.ctcd.edu.

Demonstration set on plugging old water well

The Texas Cooperative Extension is providing a demonstration on how to plug an abandoned water well.

The demonstration will be held 2 p.m. Jan. 26 in northwestern Bell County on the Mary Jo Byars property. The property is located at 9311 FM 2409, on the east side of FM 2409, approximately 2.2 miles north of Hwy 36, in the Whitehall area.

The public is invited to attend.

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Dear EarthTalk: What is being done about arsenic contamination in drinking water? -- Erika Maxel, Cleveland, OH

Arsenic occurs naturally in our environment, and there are trace amounts of it in all living matter. In fact, arsenic is part of the Earth's crust, and as a natural component of underground rock and soil it can work its way into our groundwater in amounts that pose little or no threat to human health.

However, arsenic is also a by-product of industrial activity, such as coal burning, waste burning, copper smelting, and mining for gold and other metals. It is also an agricultural byproduct as it is a component of some pesticides and feed additives. U.S. smokestack and agricultural industries release thousands of pounds of arsenic into the environment each year--and as a result arsenic can show up in public water supplies in amounts that do pose health threats.

According to a 1999 study by the National Academy of Sciences, excessive arsenic in drinking water can cause bladder, lung and skin cancer, and may cause kidney and liver cancer. The study also found that arsenic harms the central and peripheral nervous systems, as well as heart and blood vessels, and causes serious skin problems. It also may cause birth defects and reproductive problems.

The U.S. government regulates arsenic content in drinking water by setting a maximum contaminant level which, for many years, was 50 parts per billion. After further and more recent study, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommended in 2001 that the maximum level be lowered to just 10 parts per billion. Initially, the Bush administration rejected the recommendation, arguing that there was no scientific consensus to justify the \$200 million it would cost to change the standard. But pressure from environmental and public health organizations convinced the White House to change course and adopt the stricter standard, which will take effect in 2006.

Although few if any municipal water systems in the U.S. exceed the present limit, it is estimated that many will have to install or upgrade treatment processes in order to meet the new stricter standard. Research by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) indicates that more than 34 million Americans drink

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tap water supplied by systems containing average levels of arsenic that pose unacceptable health risks.

Consumers can determine the arsenic levels, if any, in their drinking water by reading the Drinking Water Quality Report (also known as the Consumer Confidence Report) issued in July every year by each municipal water utility. Individuals can reduce their exposure to arsenic in drinking water by using a water filter certified by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF). Consumers should also beware that bottled water is not necessarily any safer than tap water. According to NRDC, bottled water is often nothing more than tap water that may or may not have been filtered--so filtration is the only way to be sure that drinking water is arsenic-free.

CONTACTS: U.S. EPA Arsenic in Drinking Water page, www.epa.gov/safewater/arsenic.html; EPA Consumer Confidence Report page, www.epa.gov/safewater/ccr1.html; Natural Resources Defense Council, (212) 727-2700, www.nrdc.org; National Sanitation Foundation, (800) NSF-MARK, www.nsf.org.

Dear EarthTalk: What is the modern meat industry's impact on the environment? Jeremy Smith, Bellefonte, PA

In E - The Environmental Magazine's January/February 2002 cover story, "So You're an Environmentalist...Why Are You Still Eating Meat?" author Jim Motavalli wrote, "Just about every aspect of meat production--from grazing-related loss of cropland and open space, to the inefficiencies of feeding vast quantities of water and grain to cattle in a hungry world, to pollution from 'factory farms'--is an environmental disaster with wide and sometimes catastrophic consequences."

Indeed, according to the Sierra Club, producing one pound of grain-fed beef requires about 16 pounds of wheat and--as staggering as it sounds--2,500 gallons of water. Furthermore, millions of acres of forest have been cleared worldwide to make room for the large areas of land needed for cattle grazing. In the United States, more than 260 million acres of forest have been cleared

to grow crops to feed animals raised for meat, and an acre of trees disappears every eight seconds.

Tropical rainforests are also being cut to create grazing land for cattle. Fifty-five square feet of rainforest may be destroyed to produce just one quarter-pound burger. Since trees absorb carbon dioxide, the leading "greenhouse gas," this significant loss of forest contributes to global warming as well.

Soil erosion is also mostly due to the meat industry which, according to the Worldwatch Institute, is directly responsible for 85 percent of all soil erosion in the U.S. because so much grain is needed to feed the animals. Livestock is fed more than 80 percent of the corn and 95 percent of the oats grown by American farmers. The world's cattle alone consume a quantity of food equal to the caloric needs of 8.7 billion people--more than the entire human population on Earth.

A recent report prepared for the Senate Agricultural Committee concluded that animal waste is the largest contributor to pollution in 60 percent

of the rivers and streams classified as "impaired" by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The report states that food animals produce waste at a rate of roughly 68,000 pounds per second. Major waste pollutants that make their way into our waterways include nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus that can cause massive fish kills, harmful bacteria and viruses, and toxic heavy metals, which are present in some commercial livestock feed.

Meat-loving environmentalists can look for small farms that feed livestock natural, organic diets, treat animals more humanely, and practice more sustainable land use.

CONTACTS: E Magazine, January/February 2002 issue, www.emagazine.com; Sierra Club, (415) 977-5500, www.sierraclub.org/factoryfarms/; Worldwatch Institute, (202) 452-1999, www.worldwatch.org.
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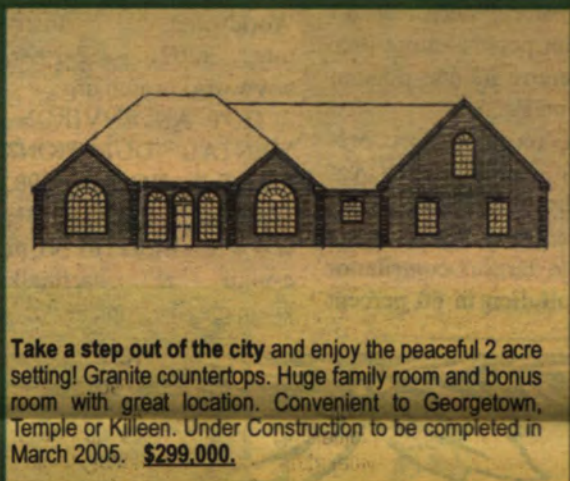
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House on large tree-covered lot in Mill Creek. 4/2/2, 14 ft. ceilings, formal living, crown mouldings and formal dining. Huge master suite with private porch. **\$196,000.**



House on Approx. 1.8 Tree Covered Acres with Pool. 3/2.5/2 in the Woods of Salado all for just **\$149,900**



Spacious Home on Quiet Street: 6/6/1, the possibilities are endless with over 3,500 sq. ft. on approximately 1.4 acres. Home, business, or both. **\$269,900.**

Acreage

- Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. Lot in Hidden Springs. Excellent location. **\$33,900.**
- Appx. 1 acre residential lot, septic. **\$20,000.**
- 145 acres located northwest of Salado. Backs up to Corps of Engineers property. **\$3,500 per acre.**
- 2 acres with great trees in Hidden Springs. **\$33,900.**
- 2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900.**
- 3,018 acres on FM 2843. Large pecans & live water. **\$39,900.**
- 5 acres located west of Salado in Hidden Springs. Enjoy the country and your private park. **\$54,900.**
- 10+ acres Bell Meadows off FM 1123. **\$89,000.**

- 20 acres southwest of Salado on Buttermilk Creek. Heavily wooded. **\$125,000.**
- 44 acres off of Firefly Road between Salado and Florence. Great Trees with typical hill country topography. Will divide. **20 acres off of I-35.**
- Great 2 acre lot in Hidden Springs! Ready to build! **\$33,900**
- Aerials of our acreage listings can be seen at www.salado.net

Salado Lots

- Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **\$40,000.**
- Indian Trail - 90x188 - **\$38,000.**

Commercial

- .87 acres off N. Stagecoach Rd. **\$147,408.**
- 3 acres commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$120,000.**
- Bed & Breakfast - Great chance to live in Salado and run your own Bed & Breakfast.

Belton

- Large lot with trees in gated Southlake Subdivision. **\$55,000.**
- 5+ acres fronting SH 190 and Boxer Road. Great commercial location. City water available. **\$299,000.**
- Grand 3/2.5 home in Regatta Oaks. Huge master bathroom & bedroom. This home has so many special features you have to see to believe! Call Katherine at 541-3502. **\$339,000**