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\$17 mil bond proposed

By TIM FLEISCHER
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Salado school trustees will formally call for a \$17 million April 2 bond referendum during their regular meeting Jan. 24 at the Salado Civic Center. The board had a three-hour workshop on the matter Jan. 10. Trustees voted 6-1 in favor of going forward with the \$17 million bond proposal to build a new high school, including new athletic facilities (football/track stadium, baseball field, softball field and concessions). Lynn Renfro voted against the proposal.

The proposed \$17 million bond will be presented to the community 7 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Salado Civic Center. The board will formally call the election during its Jan. 24 meeting.

The Jan. 10 meeting was the second workshop on the bond issue within a week, as trustees discussed cost-cutting measures for the proposed high school on Jan. 4. Among those measures were reducing the core capacity from 800 students to 700 students and the classroom capacity from 550 students to 500 students. Another cost-saving measure discussed on Jan. 3 was the elimination of a practice gymnasium and utilizing a pre-engineered metal structure for the competition gym.

Trustees reviewed proposed costs prepared by Board President John Konzen that would build a new high school of approximately 95,000 sq. ft. for a total of \$15 million, including a practice gym.

Konzen said that he worked with the costs proposed by the district's architectural firm for the project with other costs from his contacts in the

construction industry. Konzen is owner/operator of Heart of Texas Inspection Service, a construction inspection firm.

He proposed a construction cost of \$10.5 million with site-work of \$1.4 million (at \$115 per sq. ft. of the total construction project). He proposed lowering the cost of the waste water treatment plant from \$600,000 to \$400,000, using modular systems that can be expanded for future needs. Furniture and fixtures would be \$350,000 and technology would be lowered to \$220,000. The practice gym would be \$648,000. Design and technical fees would be \$940,000 and Contingency would be \$689,250 (five percent). The project could realize a savings of \$91,910 by using pre-engineered structures for the gym and ag facilities.

This would bring the cost of the high school building to a proposed \$15 million.

The remaining \$2 million will be used for new athletic facilities with the construction of a new football stadium/track being the top priority followed by moving the baseball and softball fields.

Konzen told fellow trustees that he had reviewed the numbers proposed by the architectural firm Fields and Associates and felt that all of the work could be done for \$2.2 million. Konzen estimated the following costs: \$1.3 million for the football stadium, \$300,000 for the baseball stadium, \$275,000 for the softball stadium, \$175,000 for a concession area and \$150,000 for design and other fees to bring the total to \$2.2 million.

Trustees said they felt that the whole project -- new high school with

core capacity of 700 to 750 students and classroom capacity of 550 students and new athletic facilities -- could be done with a \$17 million bond through cost savings in the construction process and utilizing an estimated \$500,000 in bond interest accumulating during the construction process.

If approved on April 2 by voters, a \$17 million bond could cause the I&S portion of the tax rate to increase by 20.13¢ per \$100 evaluation (based on 10 percent growth in property tax values in the first year of the bond). This could raise the I&S portion of the tax rate to 36.13¢. At the current I&S tax rate of 16.8¢, Salado ISD is at the higher end of the average range of school district in the area and state, according to Salado ISD Superintendent Robin Battershell.

The district is currently at the lower end of average on its maintenance and operation (M&O) tax rate at \$1.412, but that would likely change once the new campus is built. Administrators estimate that operating the new campus would require the district to raise its M&O tax rate to the maximum of \$1.50.

This would bring the total tax rate to a possible \$1.86 per \$100 evaluation. For a property with a total taxable value of \$200,000, the total school taxes could reach \$3,720.

However, trustees such as Konzen were quick to point out that rarely do estimates of tax rates come in as high when a construction project is proposed as when it is completed. He pointed to Hutto and Liberty Hill school districts, in which the tax rates to build and maintain new campuses estimated before the bond election.



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Paul Boston, Ann Faber and Jean Westerberg thank Patty Campbell for her years of service as Librarian for the Salado Public Library during a Jan. 9 reception.

Aldermen accept 11 ETJ requests, review list of goals for Village

By TIM FLEISCHER
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Salado aldermen approved the requests of 11 property owners to be included in the extra-territorial jurisdiction of the Village during their Jan. 6 meeting.

The action by aldermen brings the total number of requests approved for inclusion in the Village ETJ to 488 with several more pending action.

The requests approved Jan. 6 filled in holes of ETJ in areas northeast and northwest of Salado proper.

The Village adopted a policy to accept requests from property owners within the Salado ISD boundaries for inclusion in the ETJ of the Village. A property must be contiguous to the ETJ of Salado in order to be considered by the Village.

In other business, aldermen conducted a mid-year review of their goals.

While discussing the relationship between the Village and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Mayor Rick Ashe said that TxDOT wanted to transfer responsibility for Main



Salado Mayor Rick Ashe swore in Arthur C. "Cappy" Eads as Municipal Judge during the Board of Aldermen meeting Jan. 6.

Street to the Village. Responsibility for the bridges will remain with TxDOT. Ashe said that since the subject was first broached last year, no further communication has come from TxDOT. TxDOT would likely resurface Main Street before it turns it over the Village.

Alderman Michael Cooper said that the Village needed a policy for accepting the deeds to private roads. Since its inception, the Village has accepted the deed of one private road: Old Town Rd. which connects Main Street and the access road. Cooper said that other private roads, including Bluff Circle, have become public roads by usage and should be considered by

the board. Private roads are not approved by the county or Village and may not be built to the standards of either. One example of this is HomePlace Lane, a privately maintained road off Van Bibber that does not meet the width requirements of the county.

No decision was made on a policy for accepting private roads.

While discussing Salado Creek issues, alderman Cooper said, "We need to dredge the creek."

Dredging the creek to rid it of gravel washed down from upstream would need to be done on a regular basis.

A listing of the goals can be found at www.saladovillagevoice.com.



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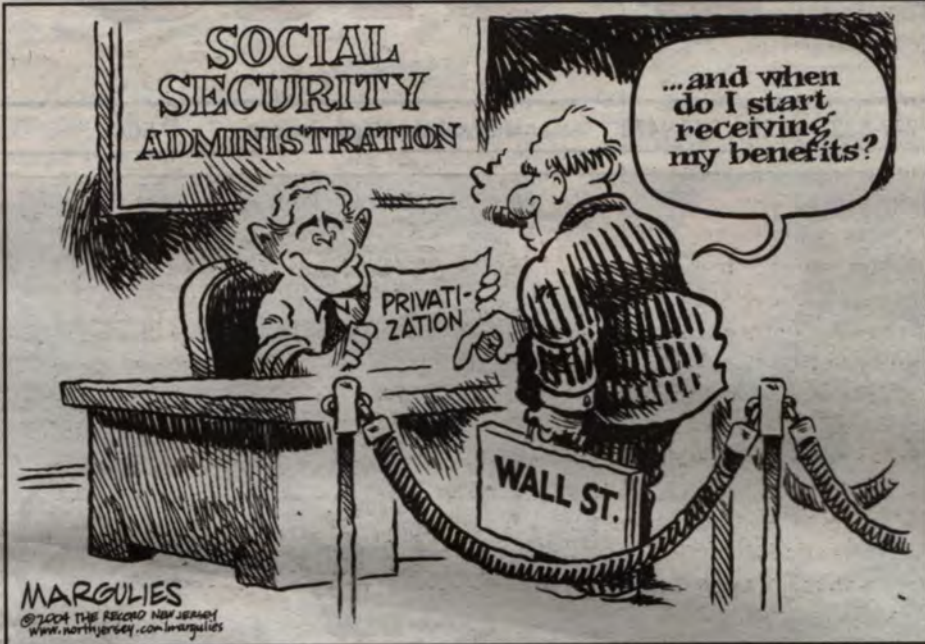
The Salado High School National Honor Society will sponsor a blood drive, featuring the Scott & White Blood Mobile, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Jan. 13 at the school parking lot. Registration will take place inside the high school. A person is eligible to give blood if they are in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and have reached their 17th birthday. Giving blood takes less than an hour.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



The Rise of Reactionary Liberalism

"Please, don't change anything." That bids fair to become the liberal slogan for the early 21st century. Who knew government programs circa 2004 would have achieved an equipoise of perfection such that disturbing them in the slightest way would represent liberal heresy? And who would have guessed that "progressives" would become opponents of change so thoroughgoing that they would make Edmund Burke blush?

Reactionary liberalism will be the order of the day in President Bush's second term. Take Social Security. The program was started in the 1930s. Back then, there were 41 workers for every retiree. Now, there are three. Back then, life expectancy was significantly shorter than its current 78 years. In other words, in 70 years the world has changed, but the structure of Social Security hasn't -- and liberals desperately want to keep it that way.

Never mind that dozens of countries have implemented some version of the Bush-proposed private retirement accounts. "It's just too dangerous" will be the mantra. We don't have the reform acumen of a Kazakhstan! No, no. We are Americans, and all we can manage is a defensive huddle around the status quo.

The same basic argument will apply to tax reform, tort reform, health-care reform and further education reform. No issue quite highlighted the left's reactionary impulse than when, during the campaign, Bush proposed redeploying American troops from their Cold War outposts around the world. Liberals immediately reacted negatively, making the argument, basically, that the troops should stay where they are, because they've been there for 40 years, and everyone is comfortable with it.

Why the migration of old-fashioned, status-quo conservatism from right to

Rich Lowry



left? It is partly a function of the current political dynamic. Republicans are on the offensive, so Democrats must play defense. It is also a hangover from recent political history. Conservatives, for decades, have told themselves that "ideas have consequences," and have set about through think tanks, books and magazines to find the best ones. During the period of richest conservative policy ferment, in the 1970s and 1980s, liberals could content themselves with relying on what was an increasingly sclerotic congressional majority. Liberalism was dependent on the fumes of the New Deal and Great Society, which were powerful, but bound to dissipate.

Some liberals realize it is imperative that Democrats re-brand themselves as the party of reform. But that will take some doing, as the party is simultaneously resisting every Bush-proposed reform. The Democrats will have to say "no, no, no and no" at the same time they try to rally the public around their innovative idea, say, to further erode the First Amendment with yet more campaign-finance "reform."

In Voltaire's classic "Candide," the character Pangloss insists, against all evidence, that it is the best of all possible worlds. Voltaire meant in part to skewer an impervious belief in the felicity of the status quo. In this sense, Pangloss is becoming the patron saint of 21st-century liberalism.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2005 by King Features Synd., Inc.

79th Legislative Session convenes; Need for revenue is top priority; "Googol" put to work politically

There's an old political saying in Texas that "Neither our women nor our money are safe when the legislature is in session" - so presumably it's time to hide them both, now that the 79th Legislative Session kick-started their "deliberations" two days ago at high noon. It's also "anxiety" time, since during the next 140 days lawmakers will be busy plotting our future, in more ways than we care to contemplate.

While that observation may tickle our fancies - there is one thing of a serious nature that needs close attention this week. That being Comptroller Carole Strayhorn's, official publication of her "estimate of funds" available to the legislature for spending purposes during the next biennial budget cycle.

The legislature cannot appropriate more than the number of "income" dollars estimated (and later certified) by the Comptroller. A powerful political tool - that can make the life of lawmakers, in Austin and back home, either "easy" (no new tax required) or "difficult" (major tax hike).

That number had not been made public when this column was written earlier this week, but regardless - we can tell you without reservation that no matter how many tax dollars Strayhorn says will be generated (for spending purposes) during the next two years - the number will be politically motivated to a large degree.

"HEADS I WIN, TAILS YOU LOSE"

The revenue estimate has always had strong political implications attached to it, and this year is no exception. If the number is low - requiring new taxes to meet the needs of the State, then Strayhorn will be able to point her feisty finger at Governor Rick Perry (who is no longer on her Christmas card list) and note his failure to provide a higher tax base two years ago, when he cut and slashed state programs that victimized children; the helpless, the poor and the handicapped.

If the number is higher than two years ago - then the Comptroller will take credit for doing an outstanding job of collecting taxes under difficult circumstances. She will also note (sooner or later) that even this improved dollar figure is still not enough to make up for lost ground in education, health-human services, roads, you name it.

So it's a "heads I win, tails you lose" coin toss for this number-crunching "Grandma." And that's the proverbial "cat bird" seat that all politicians yearn for as they look to the future.

STRAYHORN'S MOTIVATION

With all the fun the Comptroller has had during the past two years - tweaking Perry on a regular basis, and harassing lesser political lights for their poor leadership, while handing out snappy snippets to the media concerning what Strayhorn's office is doing to make the State safe and secure - we have to wonder why she would want to give up this "center stage" of power, and run for Governor?

For this is what's motivating Strayhorn. And the answer is that when the Gubernatorial bug bites - there's no way to scratch it, other than start campaigning for the job.

This writer is not certain the Comptroller will, in the final analysis, jump into the deep end of the political pool next year. She'll count her money; see

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



what Perry does to the State this session; and figure if she can beat Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison - who plans to return to the Lone Star State together with her \$6.7 million in federal campaign funds.

Hutchison not only brings money with her but also state and federal experience, and relatively few political scars (at least that show).

Perry of course, with his four-plus million, will make the run. He's committed to the State's business interests to do so, and naturally hopes to become the longest reigning Governor in Texas history - 10 consecutive years. The late Allan Shivers currently tops that list with seven and a half years as Governor (July 1949 - January 1957). Took over when Beauford Jester died 6 months into his second term.

GRANDMA'S GAMBLE

The question remains - why would Strayhorn gamble with her powerful position and take the risk of being forced into unwanted early retirement? Think of the fun she (and we) would miss. Giggling Governors on a weekly basis! Pestering the legislature with immunity! And keeping the rest of us on edge waiting to see "who and where she will bite next" with her sharp rhetoric as she reports on how our tax dollars are carefully collected (by her office), and stupidly spent (by Perry and the legislature).

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Most everyone takes time for a little "wool gathering" at the start of each new year. For those of us who comment politically as an avocation, it was only natural we would cogitate on what to say if President George W. Bush, would suddenly appear on TV (or any other media format) and admit to making a blunder.

So, here's what *Off The Record* will report on the day Bush finally admits he made a mistake: "Readers - please take the following reactions - 'flabbergasted, flumoxed, thunderstruck, dumbfounded, popeyed, stupefied, perplexed, stunned, and astonished.' Put them together; multiply by a 'googol;' and you'll come fairly close to our reaction, following the Bush admission!"

WHY NOW?

I am writing this now because waiting for "The Man" to admit any shortcomings or screw-ups will be so far in the future, that I'll be too old to write, think, or perform most body functions. (Many readers have said this point was reached years ago - but a pox on them - since they continue to write and phone on a regular basis).

By the by, (for the math-impaired), a "googol" is a number that is "10 to the power of 100!" Or, the numeral "one" followed by "100 zeroes." And that's several times a gazillion, according to my old timey arithmetic.

"Googol" is also not the family name of Barney - an old comic strip character (circa 1920-40) and certainly unrelated to the song of the same name ("Barney Google, with the goo, goo, googily eyes.....").

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FORUM

Problem is not easily dismissed, but it is not endemic either

Change focus on TAKS cheating

By RANDALL IGLEHART
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Recently, allegations of unethical educator conduct have brought TAKS testing results into question in various parts of the state. These allegations are troubling and certainly do not reflect the standards of the majority of Texas' teachers. And by no means does the state's largest educators' group, the Association of Texas Professional Educators, condone any action that reflects poorly upon the individual or the education profession.

However, we need to examine some interesting aspects of the recent developments. One: why would an educator even think of cheating or allowing cheating on the exam? And two: is there anything awry with the timing of these allegations (just prior to the start of the 79th legislative session)?

The first question is best answered by looking at what TAKS results mean for the student, the teacher, the school, the school district and the state. Students in the third-, fifth- and eighth-grades have to pass the exam to move on to a higher grade while students in 11th-grade have to pass the exam to graduate.

Teachers are judged in part on how their students perform on the exam. It can help them or cost them in promotions, recognition and job retention. And obviously teachers are not immune to the pressure. The real problem here is that the TAKS test is not a diagnostic exam. It's given at the end of the school year rather than at the beginning. So, even if a teacher is successful in improving a student's knowledge and skills, it's difficult to tell how much of a role the teacher actually played. In other words, a student can score poorly on the exam but still be miles ahead of where they were when the school year began.

For the schools and school districts, TAKS exam results are the cornerstone of their success or failure. The results are a factor in how the schools and

districts are categorized. The Texas Education Agency annually rates schools and districts using the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) and awards the following ratings: Exemplary, Recognized, Academically Acceptable or Academically Unacceptable.

This rating is of such importance that it can make a difference in local real estate values and the overall community attitude toward a school.

Statewide, Texas is compared to the rest of the nation in terms of quality of education based in part on the results of this test.

Clearly, the TAKS test is an extremely high stakes exam, so much so that it appears some are willing to break the rules to benefit themselves, their students, their schools, school districts and the state. This in no means excuses the allegations of cheating, and, again, in no way can we condone such behavior. But this is a result of a high-pressure system that has taken the opportunity to teach away from teachers.

We are not suggesting the TAKS exam be

completely scrapped, but we are saying that the test is being used in an inappropriate way. The answer here is not a one-shot performance test at the end of the year but instead a diagnostic test. If the TAKS is moved to an early-year exam, many will benefit. The stress will be eased from the student, and the teacher will be given wonderful insight into each pupil's needs based on the information gathered. In other words, the teacher will be allowed to actually teach.

This problem is not easily dismissed, but it is not endemic either. If we treat it as such, districts will likely hire independent monitors to oversee testing on every campus. This will only add to the anxiety of students on test day as well as the expense of testing. However, it's an action the Houston Independent School District is already taking for testing in February and April. The current proposed plan calls for hundreds of monitors to show up at both assigned and random

classrooms.

And finally, let's look at the timing involved in this issue. We are set to begin an incredibly important chapter in our state's history with regard to public school finance. The 79th Legislature convenes Tuesday. It's going to be a session in which, once again, the interests of students, teachers and schools are at the forefront. We have a funding method right now that is in limbo before the Texas Supreme Court. It will be easier for the Legislature to limit spending on education when there are questions about teacher integrity in the classroom.

We cannot state strongly enough that the allegations are not indicative of the behavior of the overwhelming majority of teachers in this state. Texas educators have an incredible desire to provide your children with an exemplary education. All they want is the opportunity to teach.

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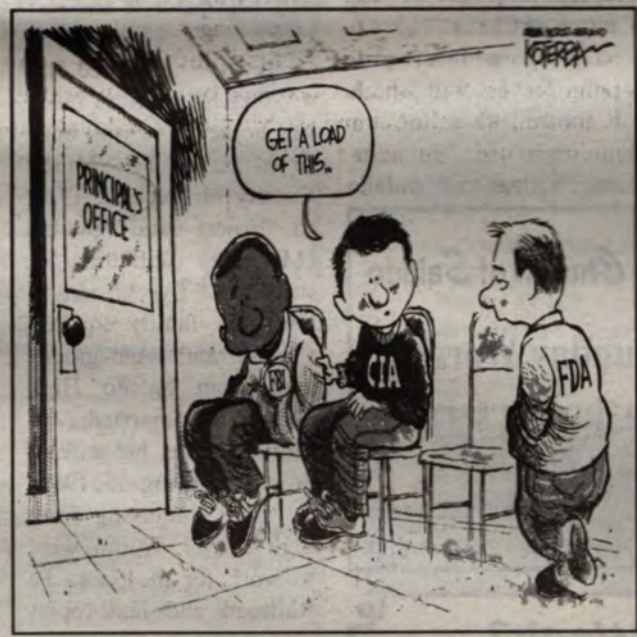
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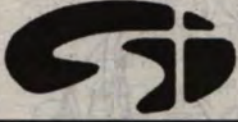
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| Orchestra Rehearsal | 4:45 p.m. | Fellowship Meal | 5:30 p.m. |
| Adult Choir Rehearsal | 5:00 p.m. | Youth Choir | 6:00 p.m. |
| Evening Worship | 6:00 p.m. | Prayer Service | 6:15 p.m. |
| | | Team Kid (Age 3 - 6th grade) | 6:00 p.m. |
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Book of Hebrews study begins Feb. 19 at First Baptist Church

A "Precept Upon Precept" Bible study class, focusing on the book of Hebrews, will begin on two different dates in Salado. One class will begin 6 p.m. Feb. 19 at First Baptist Church of Salado, while another class will start 9 a.m. Feb. 20, and will be held at StoneCreek Settlement. The classes are open to the public.

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For information contact Jill Shipman at 718-2030, or Debbie Harrison at 947-1974.



Cooter Arnold, of Salado, and Christina Rice, of Academy, have announced their engagement. The couple plans a March 19, 2005 wedding at Tenroc Ranch in Salado.

Church of Christ holds open house at new Activity Center

The Salado Church of Christ invites the community to join it in celebrating the grand opening of its new Activity Center 2-4 p.m. Jan. 16. The new building is just south of the corner of Blacksmith Road and Church Street.

"All who tour the 7,800 square foot facility will realize the potential opportunities for its service to the Village," said Joe Keyes, minister of the Church of Christ.

During a brief program, Keyes will speak of future plans for the building's use. In addition, Village of Salado

Mayor Rick Ashe will offer comments, refreshments will be served, and the acapella group the Brentwood Oaks Singers will perform.

Memorial service held for Rev. E. Guinn Williams

Memorial Services for Rev. E. Guinn Williams, age 75, were held Jan. 6 at First Baptist Church of Salado with Rev. Brian Dunks, Dr. Leroy Kemp and Rev. Bill Johnson officiating. A private burial was held prior to the service.

Rev. Williams died Jan. 4, 2005 in a Belton nursing home. He was born in Minerva, TX, Milam County on Sept. 8, 1929, to Ernest and Beulah (McGuire) Williams. At the age of five he moved with his family to Bell County and later graduated from Salado High School. He married Virginia Jackson, his wife of 56 years on Aug. 15, 1948.

After graduating from high school, Guinn went to work for the Santa Fe Railroad and later operated a service station in Salado. It was during this time, at the age of 26, he surrendered his life to the gospel ministry and entered Howard Payne University in Brownwood to pursue his education. That same year he was called as a pastor by First Baptist Church Salado, beginning his mission for the Lord. Rev. Williams continued his studies at Mary Hardin Baylor College and Baylor University, where he graduated in December of 1960. He then entered Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, graduating with MRE in 1964. He was called to pastor Immanuel Baptist Church in Temple, where he served for 18

and a half years. After retiring in 1982, he joined Girling Health Care as a hospice chaplain, a position he helped start. He later worked with Market Place Ministries, where he served as chaplain to the McLane Corporation in Temple.

Over a period of 10 years, Rev. Williams was an interim pastor at 10 area churches. He was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 1990 and suffered a debilitating stroke in 2000.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Williams of Salado; son, Stan Williams of Mabank; daughters, Kitty Pevey and husband Bill of Athens, GA and Vicky Delany and husband John of Norman, OK. Also grandchildren Capt. Zachary Williams, USMC of Palmdale, California; Jeremy Williams and wife Beth of Grapevine; Amy Williams of San Antonio; Aaron Pevey of Atlanta, GA; 2nd Lt. Ryan Pevey of Athens, GA; Audrey DeLany, Colleen DeLany and Bonnie DeLany all of Norman, OK and a Great-grandchild Ella Williams.

He is also survived by a brother Truett Williams of Salado, three sisters Billye Fuller, Sibyl Smith and Patsy Hinsley, all of Salado. He is preceded in death by his parents and two sisters. Wilma Williams and Thelma Pedigo. In lieu of flowers memorials be made to the Debt Retirement Fund of the First Baptist Church of Salado.



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Gospel singers "The Isaacs" perform Jan. 15

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.

Court Advocate training series begins Jan. 31

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Bell County has set its next training series beginning Jan. 31 at the First Christian Church in Belton. CASA of Bell County is an organization which advocates for foster children in the district courts.

"CASA is in desperate need of loving, caring individuals willing to stand up and speak on a child's behalf," said Rosa Black, of CASA of Bell County.

This requires attending a 30-hour training session, where volunteers will learn about the dynamics of child abuse and neglect and the foster care system. Volunteers will also learn about the district and how they can help foster children, parents and any individuals that can provide them with information in order to report to the district judge regarding what is in the child's best interest.

There are over 350 children in foster care in Bell County, and this number continues to grow. There are over 51 CASA programs in Texas and 900 nationwide.

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 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.

More ticket information can be obtained by calling Donnie or Linda Jackson, 947-5100, or e-mailing Cvmusicministry@aol.com.

Children under 12 will be admitted free. It is suggested that attendees arrive early, as seating is first-come, first-serve.

Judge Puryear speaks at Republican luncheon

Central Texas Republican Women will hold a luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. Jan. 19 at Wildflower Country Club in Temple.

Cost is \$11 per person. Reservation checks may be sent to CTRW/PAC,

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Justice David Puryear, Third Court of Appeals, Place 5, will be the speaker.

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SPORTS

Clark bros. go for 31 combined in leading Eagles to win over Lexington

It's far too early to say that Salado will repeat as district basketball champs, but the boys took two big steps in that direction by recently dispatching the pair of teams that figured to pose the biggest threat to unseat the Eagles.

The boys opened district play with a galvanizing win over Academy, then carried their newly-gained number two ranking down to Lexington Jan. 4 and notched an important 61-44 road win. A 54-39 defeat of Florence on Salado's home court Jan. 7 followed, improving the boys to 13-6 overall, and placing them atop the district standings at 3-0.

And all this has been accomplished without standout point guard Matt Caskey, who remains sidelined as the foot he injured in the fourth game of the season will likely keep him out of action until the end of January.

With 31 points between them - accounting for over half of Salado's points - the Clark brothers (Travis and Ryan) paved the way for Salado's win at Lexington.

Ryan Clark came out hot, hitting two three pointers in the first quarter and propelling the Eagles to a 19-11 lead in the early going. In the second, his smooth shooting continued, as he converted all four of his free throw attempts, and Travis Clark tallied five points of his own, which



Above, Travis Clark goes up for a shot against Florence. Clark scored 18 points in the victory, which kept Salado's district record blemish-free, at 3-0.



At left, Matt Jennings looks to set up the offense in the early stages of Salado's 15-point win over the visiting Florence Buffaloes Jan. 7.

Still holding down the number two ranking in the Jan. 10 coaches poll, Salado will next play at home Jan. 14 versus Jarrell.

earned for Salado a 33-27 halftime lead.

Needing a second half push to get back in the game, Lexington found themselves held in check by the Eagle defense, scoring only four points in the third against Salado's 13. In the fourth, the Clark brothers combined to go 8-10 from the free throw line, icing the 16-point win for the Eagles.

Travis Clark led all scorers with 16 points, while Ryan finished with 15. James Gregurek also hit double-digits, closing the game with 10 points, while Matt Jennings chipped in nine. Devon Dunn scored seven, and Nick Everett had all four of his points come in the first.

Perhaps feeling a bit too good about themselves after their big wins to open district, Salado began their Jan. 7 game against Florence sluggishly, managing a scant six points in the first as the surprising Buffaloes quickly gained a 10-6 advantage.

Sensing they didn't want to be on the receiving end of a momentous upset, the Eagles responded in a big way in the second, with Devon Dunn scoring eight points and Travis Clark dropping in 10 (including a pair of three pointers) to give Salado a 26-20 edge at halftime.

Another 20-point team effort in the third put the Eagles up by a score of 46-33 entering the fourth, where Salado held the Buffs to six points to pick up the 54-39 win.

Travis Clark again led all scorers, this time racking up 18 points, all of them coming in the first three quarters. Matt Jennings and Devon Dunn each accounted for 10, while Gregurek put up seven points. Also scoring for Salado were Everett, four, Ryan Clark, three, and Scott Williams, two.

Salado continued the first half of their district schedule with a Jan. 11 road game at Rogers, and

will host the Jarrell Cougars Jan. 14.

Junior Varsity

The JV A Team picked up two wins in their action last week, taking a 51-31 victory at Lexington and a 35-22 win over Florence.

Versus Lexington, Salado got at least eight-point performances from four different players. Tanner Myers led the Eagle offense with 13 points, while Blake Newman, Chad Tumey and Chris Redman all came through with eight points. Also scoring were Justin Konzen, seven, Noah Harbison, five, and Won Im, two.

The Florence Buffaloes did a better job of containing Salado's scoring, as the Eagles were limited to 35 points total in their Jan. 7 contest. The good news for Salado is that Florence only scored 22 points, which made for a 13-point Salado win.

No Eagle player hit double-figures in this one, but Harbison came

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Lady Eagles upset state-ranked Lexington



Brittany Gilchrest and Brittany Boydston chase down a loose ball in Salado's 49-41 victory over Florence. The win improved the Lady Eagles to 4-1 in the district standings, just one game behind 5-0 Academy, a team Salado has already played three times this season, winning one and losing two. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

When pulling off an upset of 13th ranked Lexington, the Salado Lady Eagles didn't use overwhelming offensive firepower, nor did they employ crisp free throw shooting or mistake-free passing.

But those are all trivialities to first year Lady Eagle Coach Scott Copeland, because his team came away with a district win. The end result, as he says, is all that really matters.

What Salado did on the road Jan. 4 was play to Lexington's weakness, which was forcing them to take outside shots, something Lexington - and their high-octane inside game - hadn't been forced to do all season.

The result was a low-scoring 29-25 win for Salado, the most important thus far for Copeland's young squad.

Playing through a first half marked with mental mistakes and missed shots, the Lady Eagles trailed Lexington 18-13 entering the third, but it was then that the game strategy came together for Salado. Collapsing most of the defense in the paint, the Lady Eagles forced

Lexington to beat them from the outside - a tactic that allowed Lexington just seven points in the second half.

"We were very selective in what we did," said Copeland, whose team is now 4-1 in district, trailing Academy by one game. Lexington is also 4-1, while Lago Vista trails the playoff pack at 3-2.

As she has done the entire season, Jenny Goode led the Lady Eagle offense with 13 points. Kate Marshall also scored six points in the game.

Flush with the momentum gained from the Lexington victory, Salado hosted Florence Jan. 7 and put together an impressive first half to win by a score of 49-41, in a game that truly wasn't as close as the score would indicate.

The Lady Eagles limited the visitors to just three points in the first quarter, while Salado charged out with nine to earn the early lead. Sixteen more Salado points in the second figured in a 25-12 lead for the home team at the half.

Florence (1-3 in district at the time of the game) increased their offensive output in the second half,

especially the fourth, but it was a case of too little, too late, as Salado recorded the eight-point victory.

Goode had a dozen points on the night, which topped all Salado scorers. Kelsey Smith had nine points coming on a trio of three pointers, while freshman Tamra Stanish contributed six. Kate Marshall had nine points for the second straight game, while Brittany Boydston and Kelsey Gobin were both credited with four. Rounding out the scorers were Nicole Weatherly, three, and Lauren Haire, two.

Salado, now 15-7 overall, will conclude the first half of the district schedule with a home game Jan. 14 versus Jarrell, currently 2-3 in district. A Jan. 11 contest against Rogers took place after press time.

Junior Varsity

The Lady Eagles JV squad had mixed success in their games from a week ago.

They scored a resounding 44-14 win over Lexington Jan. 4, but followed that with an anemic 16-24 loss at the hands of Flor-

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The Salado Athletic Booster Club will hold its Third Annual Golf Classic Feb. 17 at Mill Creek. The fundraiser will begin with 10:45 a.m. registration and a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start.

Each team will consist of four players, and the tournament will be played in a scramble format, with all players handicapped. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place teams, as well as prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin and skins (approximately \$200 to the winning team).

In addition, from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. participants will have an opportunity to win \$100 by landing closest to the pin on a 100-yard shot, pre-measured on the original 18th hole. A second attempt can be purchased for \$5. The three participants that are closest

to the pin will return after the scramble and again hit one shot - the closest of the final three will win \$100.

Entry fee is set at \$105 per player (\$420 for a team), which includes complimentary refreshments, green fee and cart fee. Any single players will be attached to a team. Hole sponsorships are priced at \$150.

Registration can be completed by mailing a check, made payable to Salado Athletic Booster Club, to P.O. Box 813, Salado, TX 76571. If mailing registration, participants should include names of all team members, handicaps, whether they are members of Mill Creek, and the phone number and address of the team captain.

For more information contact Jerry Smith at 947-1150.

Eagle Basketball — From 6A

close, finishing the game with nine points. Tumey scored seven, Redman and Konzen each had six, and Stephen Quick chipped in two points.

The JV B Team had just one game last week, but made of the most of their limited action, throttling Florence 57-23.

The Buffaloes had no answer for Salado's David Rosenau, who tallied 19 points, which included a

pair of three pointers and a 5-6 performance from the line. Josh Caldwell also had a strong game, recording a dozen points. Also scoring were Tyler Burden, nine, Clay Sharum, four, Tanner Johnson, five, Blake Heller, six, and Greg Faber, two.

Lady Eagles, From 7A

ence Jan. 7
Versus Lexington, Brandi Lott led the Lady Eagles with 13 points, while Natalee Cantrell had nine and Cortney Dunnahoo registered eight. Also scoring were Mary Runyon and Jessica Shumate, who each had six, and Sarah Moffatt, who finished with two.

The JV's game against Florence was nip-and-tuck all the way into the fourth, as Salado trailed 7-6 at the end of one, 13-11 at the half, and 15-14 entering the final period. The girls failed to muster the offense needed in the game's final minutes, however, resulting in a nine-point loss.

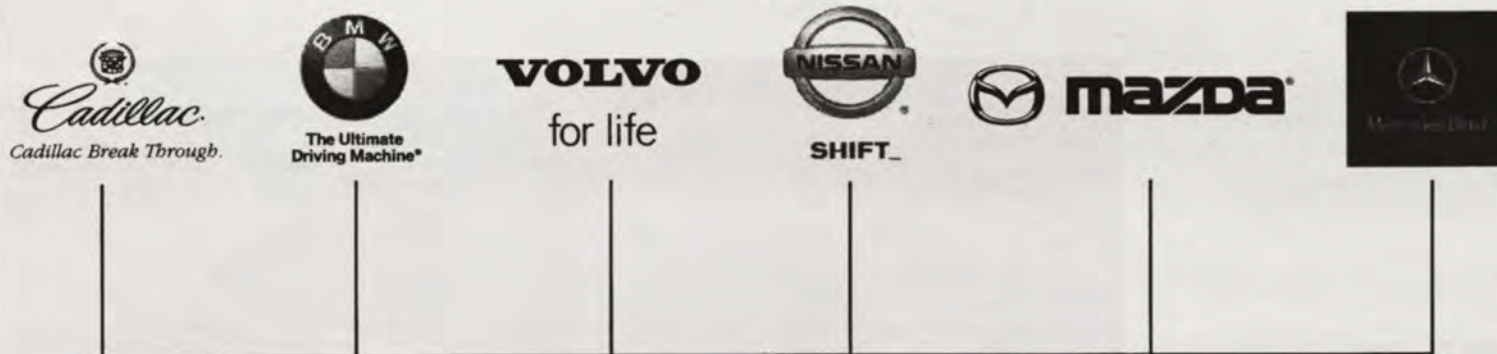
Cortney Dunnahoo had six points, Lott and Cantrell both had four, and Shumate scored two.

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Barclay Art Contest annual contest celebrates Bell County month of arts

March 2005 has been distinguished as the month for the arts in Bell County. Artisans are reminded of the approaching Barclay Arts Contests, which will once again feature competitions in fine arts, music and literature.

"The contests of the past two years have been well received by the artists and the community. We are pleased with the increased artists' entries and the outpouring of support from art patrons and businesses within our Bell County community," said Mary Ann Morton, chair of the Barclay Art Council and Committee.

Those eligible are residents of Bell County, students attending any college or senior high school in Bell County, Bell County residents who are temporarily away in colleges, universities, or the Armed Forces and patients at the Olin E. Teague Veterans' Hospital in Temple. For complete rules and prospectus for each contest go to <http://home.hot.rr.com/barclayarts>.

Each contest has its own set of rules and entry deadlines: Fine Art entries will be brought to the City Federation of Women's Clubs Clubhouse on March 1, 2 and 3; the Music Contest deadline is March 9 with

entries being mailed to Mary Ann Morton, 3510 Magnolia Blvd. Temple, TX 76502; the Literary Contest deadline is March 1 with entries to be mailed to Cynthia Linzy, Literary Contest Chair, 1214 North 4th St., Temple, TX 76501.

An awards reception for all artists entering in the Fine Art Contest will be held March 13 and a combined awards reception for music and literature artists will be held April 3. Both events will be held at the CFWC Clubhouse, 219 King Circle, Temple.

Fine Art Contest

The Anne Hester Best of Show will be awarded, along with numerous memorial funds have been established and will be awarded in specific categories. The newly formed Student Category will again award a Student Grand Prize and Scholarships

First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention awards will be given in the eight categories of the Art Contest: 1) Portraits, all media; 2) Landscapes, all media; 3) Still Life, all media; 4) Drawings, pen and ink, graphite, colored pencil and markers; 5) Mixed media, flat works such as collage; 6) Three-dimensional Works, pot-

tery, sculpture and jewelry; 7) Photography, traditional and digital, 8) Abstract, all media.

No copy work accepted. All work must be original and completed within the past year. Work entered in previous Barclay Contests will not be accepted. No art work portraying nudity will be accepted.

In addition to a week-long art display at the CFWC Clubhouse in March, several exhibitions at local venues will feature 2005 Barclay Art Competition winners' artwork throughout the year.

Music Competition

The two categories for the Barclay Music Compe-

tion are vocal and instrumental. Original pieces must have been completed within the past five years and presented in manuscript form, tape or CD. Published music arranged for voice or instruments are eligible.

There is no limit on the number of entries from each contestant and entries will be returned at the close of the contest if the entries are accompanied with return postage. Entrant's real name should be placed in a separate sealed envelope, and a pseudonym attached to the entry. Each entry will receive a critique from the judge who

is a non-resident of Bell County and engaged in the field of music.

Literary Competition

Original, unpublished works, never before entered in the Barclay competition, are eligible. They should be typed and double-spaced. All entries need to have a cover sheet with the title of the work, the category and the name and address of the author. Do not include the author's name elsewhere in the manuscript.

Categories in this competition are: Poetry, Fiction, Non-fiction, Plays, Children's Literature and Non-Fiction: Biographi-

cal, Self-Help or Personal Introspection. Prizes of first, second and third places will be awarded in each category.

The contests are sponsored by The City Federation Foundation and the Barclay Arts Council. The purpose of these contests is to recognize and encourage local residents who have the ability to create works in the fields of art, music and literature.

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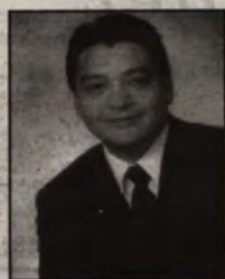
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Required Minimum Distributions

The rules governing withdrawals fall under the Internal Revenue Service's "required minimum distributions" (RMD) guidelines. Here are some of the key RMD points to keep in mind:

- * You should take distributions by age 70 1/2

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona

- You should begin taking RMDs in the year in which you turn 70 1/2. If you don't take your first RMD during that year, you must take it no later than April 1 of the following year. And if you do put it off until April 1, you'll need to take two distributions in one year. So, for example, if you turn 70 1/2 in May of 2005, you'll need to take your first RMD by December 31, 2005. If you don't, you'll have to take it by April 1, 2006 - and then, you'll have to take your second RMD by December 31, 2006.

If you don't take your RMDs on time, you may have to pay the IRS a 50 percent penalty tax on the taxable portion of your uncollected distribution - so make sure you know

your dates.

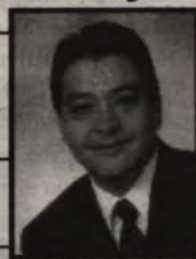
* You can take more than the minimum - You can withdraw more than the RMD, but, as the word "required" suggests, you can't withdraw less.

* You may be able to delay RMDs if you're still working - If your employer's retirement plan permits it, you may not have to take RMDs if you are still working and you are 70 1/2 or older. However, this exception won't apply if you own five percent or more of your company.

Calculating RMDs

To determine your RMD, you'll probably use one of these tables:

* Uniform Lifetime Table - Most people will use this table. You look up your age, find your life expectancy factor, take the balance of your retire-



ment accounts as of Dec. 31 of the prior year and then divide by the factor. To illustrate: According to the Uniform Lifetime Table, the factor for age 70 is 27.4, so, for your first RMD, you take your retirement plan balance as of Dec. 31, 2004 (assuming you turn 70 1/2 in 2005) and divide by 27.4.

* Joint Life Table - You can use this table if you have a spouse who is the sole beneficiary and who is more than ten years younger than you are. When you use this table, you take your retirement plan balance from the previous year and divide it by a joint life expectancy factor. Since this number will be higher than your individual life expectancy factor, your RMDs will be lower than if they were calculated on the Uniform Lifetime Table.

Before you start taking RMDs, see your tax advisor. You'll want to get the numbers right - right from the start.

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by Ryan Hodge

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advertising. By encouraging buyers to call for more details, the agent can then qualify them as simply "lookers" or as genuine "prospects." This is also how the agent discovers the particular desires and objections of the buyers, taking the opportunity to effectively promote the features of your property.

Keep in mind that ALL of the agent's ads are working for you, even if yours is not prominently featured every time. It's been shown that few people buy the property they first called about. Your home is promoted to anyone for whom it seems suitable, even if it's not the one in which they first expressed interest.

Buyers regularly read every available real estate magazine and newspaper, and they're looking to the local real estate authority to provide them with the best information and listings. While ads are important, many buyers come from signs, referrals, other agents, and your agent's list of ready-and-waiting prospects. When you're ready to sell, take advantage of all these resources!

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People Need People screening set at Silver Spur Theater Jan. 23

A highly acclaimed, made-for-TV movie will be the subject of the Institute for the Humanities' second annual lectureship honoring its founder, Dr. Harry Wilmer.

The Harry A. Wilmer, II Lectureship will be held on Jan. 23, and will feature a screening of the movie, *People Need People*, followed by commentary and discussion with Pam Marvin, wife of the late star of the movie.

Other colleagues and friends of Dr. Wilmer will also participate in the discussion. The event is free and open to the public.

The Institute was founded in 1980 by Wilmer, a psychiatrist, scholar and writer who, after many years of teaching, decided to create a public forum to foster discussion on important issues. During his 17 years as director, more than 200 of the nation's leading scholars came to Salado to participate in these programs, including Nobel Laureate Linus Pauling and poet Maya Angelou.

The second annual Harry A. Wilmer, II Lectureship will take place on 3-5 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Silver Spur Theater, 108 Royal Street.

A reception will follow the presentation. The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact the Institute for the Humanities at (254) 947-5729 or ifh@vvm.com.

The movie illustrates an aspect of Dr. Wilmer's life that has had a major impact on the practice of psychotherapy in the United States. Although Dr. Wilmer has been a fixture in the central Texas community for more than 30 years, founding the Institute and working at several medical institutions, many are unaware of his groundbreaking contributions to psychotherapy. He pioneered group psychotherapy in this country with his work with psychiatric servicemen who were patients at Oakland Naval Hospital during the Korean War.

Although this form of therapy is common today, 50 years ago it was revolutionary, and paved the way for many advances in the treatment of psychiatric patients. In 1955, while serving as a Navy psychiatrist, Dr. Wilmer was granted permission to conduct an experiment in which all restraints were withdrawn from the mental patients at the Oakland naval hospital



Dr. Harry Wilmer



Pam Marvin

where he was working. His book, **Social Psychiatry in Action**, was based on his experiences working with these patients. It was made into the critically acclaimed television movie entitled, *People Need People*, starring Lee Marvin as the most volatile patient, and Arthur Kennedy as Dr. Wilmer.

The Wilmer's association with Lee Marvin during the filming of that project led to a lifetime friendship, that included his wife, Pam Marvin. After the showing of the movie, Marvin will discuss the project, its subsequent adaptation into a stage production that

premiered at San Quinton Prison, and her families' relationship with the Wilmers over the years.

Pam Marvin is the author of *Lee: A Romance*, a biography of her late husband and is currently working on a book detailing his film career.

Dr. Wilmer is retired from his posts as Senior Psychiatrist at Scott and White Clinic and Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio. Prior to coming to Texas, he was Professor of Psychiatry at the University of California at San Francisco and Stanford University.

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MCCA conducting phone directory update

Mill Creek Community Association membership committee is working to up date the phone directory.

If you are new, call Bobbie at 947-3901 or email your information to breihsen@hotmail.com to let them know you have moved into Mill Creek

and need your welcome packet.

Block Captains who know of new residents are asked to call or email and let MCCA know who needs a welcome packet in your neighborhood.

Also, it is time for Mill Creek residents to

renew 2005 memberships. Dues of \$20 per family can be mailed to LaNora at MCCA, P.O. Box 562, Salado, TX 76571.

Those wishing to serve on MCCA committees can email breihsen@hotmail.com or call 947-3901.

Republican Women hold public forum to meet county officials

The Salado Area Republican Women will be holding a political forum Jan. 27 at Mill Creek Country Club to afford its members and the community an opportunity to hear from the Bell County officials.

All the Republican County officials and their spouses have been invited, and each official will be allowed two-to-three minutes to discuss the goals he or she has planned for the year and/or

the accomplishments from the previous year.

A social hour will be held at 6 p.m. and the buffet dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will have ample time during the social time to visit informally with the officials.

Reservations must be made by mailing a check for \$20 to be received by Jan. 21. Checks are to be addressed to Salado Area Republican Women (SARW) and mailed to P.O. Box 373 Salado, TX

76571.

For more information contact Barclay McCort, First Vice President, at 947-3617 or bam002@earthlink.net.

SHS Juniors auction painting of old school

The Salado High School junior class will auction a framed oil painting of the Old Salado School House during the Feb. 11 varsity basketball game.

Professional auctioneer Tommy Hale will supervise the auction. The painting is an original work by Holland artist Nannette Doskocil, and depicts the school during the time it was located in what is now the Salado Civic Center.

The painting will be on display in the high school gymnasium during the following home basketball games: Jan. 14, Jan. 21, Jan. 28, Feb. 4 and Feb. 11. Proceeds from the auction will be used to sponsor this year's Junior/Senior Prom.

Democratic Women meet Jan. 15 in Belton, new officers announced

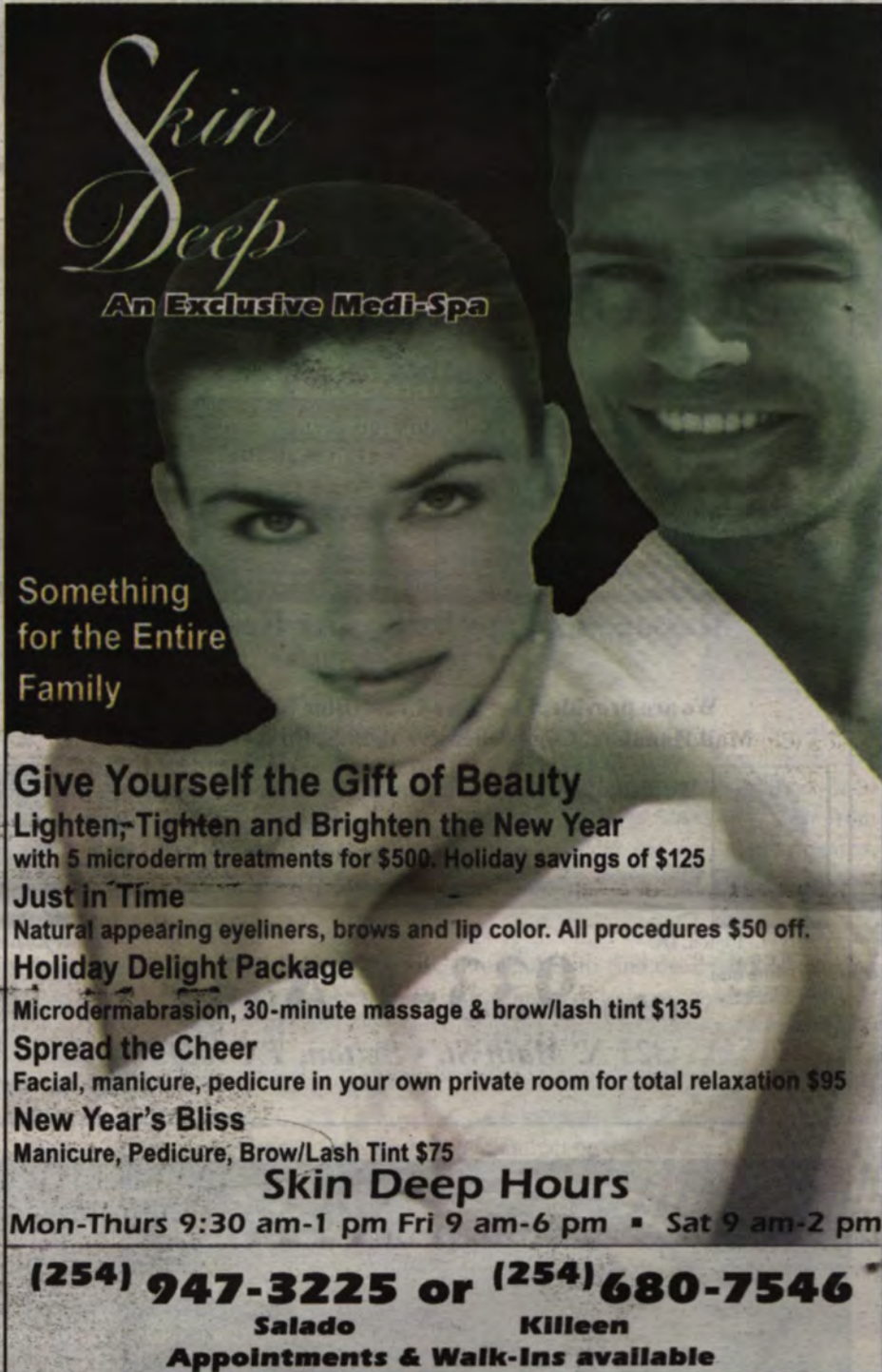
Bell County Texas Democratic Women will meet Jan. 15 at the USDA Services Building, 1605 N. Main Street in Belton.

Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10 am.

Guest Speaker for the meeting will be Rebecca Mitchell, Social Security Operations Supervisor.

The newly-elected officers for 2005 are: President Patrica Perkinson, First Vice President Wilma Allen, Second Vice President Dian Ruud, Treasurer Nancy Glasscock, Recording Secretary Dr. Yvonne Morgan, and Corresponding Secretary Miriam Oliver.

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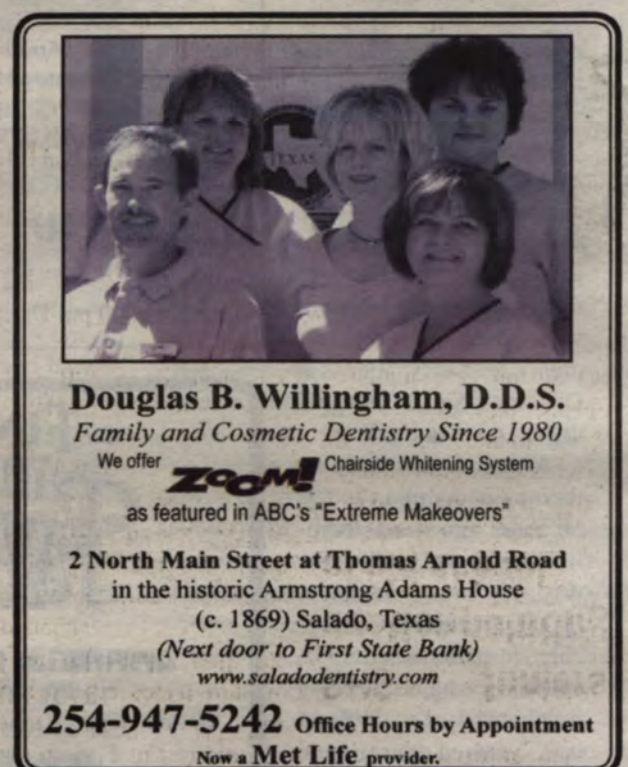
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Robert Pascoe at work in his shop: The Salado Sawmill.

Woodworking class part of Salado Studio, Gallery tour

Salado has for some time been known as a village of artists, where more than 100 working artists reside. Each February artists fill Salado to attend the Artists Workshops and Private Studio and Gallery Tours, when the village shares the talents of its artistic citizens.

Sponsored by A.R.T.S, Inc., this event features intensive workshop instruction for artists and aspiring artists of all ages.

Artist workshops include oil painting, sculpture, pottery, watercolor, cane and basket weaving, decorative painting, woodworking, glass art, drawing and acrylics.

Twenty-four private

artists' studios and public Salado galleries are open to the public during the Artist Studio and Gallery Tours.

Participants will have the opportunity to visit artists in their working studios, and glimpse their most recent creations and works in progress. In addition, attendees can visit those local galleries that feature guest artists who have been invited to demonstrate their work and meet the public.

This year a new series of classes from Master Craftsman Robert Pascoe have been announced.

The two classes are: **Woodworking Shop Essentials:** This is purely

an instructional class, designed to provide the beginner woodworker with information to get them to the next level of expertise.

Woodworking Project: This is a hands-on instructional class, designed to provide the beginner woodworker with experience working with biscuits, mortise and tenon, rabbits and dados by building an arts and crafts style coffee table.

Pascoe has been working with wood for over 40 years, starting with built-in furniture in his boyhood home. "Woodworking has provided me with a creative outlet throughout the years," he

says. Following retirement from IBM, Pascoe turned his passion into a successful business, with his work highlighted in outlets in Salado and Georgetown.

Pascoe hand built his workshop, the Salado Sawmill. Designed to Pascoe's strict requirements, and constructed using an old-fashioned post and beam technique, the Sawmill has storage for wood products, ample room for the tools of the trade and a separate, well ventilated finish room. The location also has a showroom where you can see first hand the skills of the craftsman.

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What's happening around

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 13

Salado High School National Honor Society sponsored Blood Drive, with the Scott & White Blood Mobile, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the school parking lot. Registration in the high school.

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 16

Salado Church of Christ Open House, recognizing the grand opening of the church's new Activities Center, 2-4 p.m. at the church. Community is invited and refresh-

ments will be served.

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, 6 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.

JANUARY 29

Concert Gig in Private Dig performance, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dr. Don and Micki Ellis, in Salado. Denise Thomssen and Esta Hansen will perform along with guitarist Pedro Quirino. 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. Info: 254-760-1590, or email Thomssen@vvm.com.

FEBRUARY 5

Music in Salado Concert Series: Vienna International Piano Duo performance, featuring Krassimira Jordan and Wolfgang Watzinger. 7 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. Info and reservations: 947-5592.

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 8

Mill Creek Community Association Mardi Gras/Membership Party at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner. Dancing and live music from LaRon Tubb beginning 8 p.m.

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 women 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 considered 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

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FEBRUARY 17

Third Annual Salado Athletic Booster Club Golf Classic, 12:30 p.m. shotgun start at Mill Creek Golf Club. Registration: 10:45 a.m. Cost: \$105 per player, includes refreshments, green fee and cart fee. Hole sponsorships: \$150. Registration info: Jerry Smith, 947-1150.

FEBRUARY 19 AND 20

"Precept Upon Precept" Bible Study class, covering Hebrews, beginning 6 p.m. Feb. 19 at First Baptist Church of Salado or 9 a.m. Feb. 20 at StoneCreek Settlement. Class is open to everyone. Info: Jill Shipman, 718-2030, or Debbie Harrison, 947-1974.

FEBRUARY 21

Taste of Salado, sponsored by PALS (Public Arts League of Salado), 6-8 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Tickets priced at \$25. Info and tickets: Hulda Horton, Salado Civic Center, 947-8300.

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 6

5th Annual Wild Bill Memorial Roping at Wildfire Ranch Arena, beginning 10 a.m. Over \$2,000 in scholarships to be awarded. Info: 947-8080.

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 15

Salado Historical Society General Meeting, 6:15 p.m. in the Historical Room at the Salado Civic Center.

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

Third Annual Smokin' Spokes Bike Ride, benefiting the Salado Volunteer Fire Department, beginning 8 a.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary. Riders may choose from 15, 27, 57, 70, 85, and 102 mile rides. Entry fee: \$25 for pre-registration and \$30 for on-site registration. The first 300 pre-registered

riders will be guaranteed a Smokin' Spokes T-Shirt. Info: Kevin Reichert, 254-535-5500, kevinreichert@yahoo.com or visit saladospokes.com.

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 CVMUSICMINISTRY@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 Cospier, 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.



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Saladoan channels grief into art

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

The poet W.H. Auden captured lyrical perfection with the opening line to his famous *Musee des Beaux Arts*, which

begins pointedly. "About suffering they were never wrong," he wrote, referring to the "old masters" - the celebrated painters of antiquity who well understood grief and its "human position."

A lifelong artist, Chuck McCarter can relate, although in a way Auden probably didn't intend. It wasn't grief that drove him away from painting, but rather, what helped bring him back to it.

Without cause, McCarter had his desire to paint escape him some years ago. It was like an artistic jail break - one night it was up and gone. He's not sure why the creative impulse dulled in the way of an old blade, or why, in the early part of last year, it abruptly returned.

Looking back, the Salado resident and Temple College art professor might never know what brought his dry spell to an end.

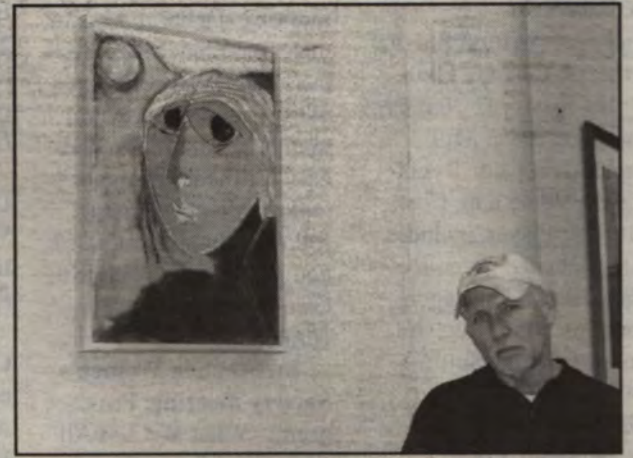
There are a few reasonable explanations, however, the most elemental of those being death and suffering. In 2004 he dealt with the loss of his mother, his brother-in-law and a close neighbor. The visceral bludgeoning of the beheadings in Iraq, and, to a certain extent,

the war itself, were particularly unsettling. Death, he thought, was dogging him like a shadow.

Coaxed by an offer to exhibit his work for the first time since 1991, McCarter first had to get back to work. He picked up his brushes again last January, and whatever had lain in quietude, unused, now came forward with the energy of a split atom. It was something he could hardly contain.

Over the past 12 months, McCarter has produced a prolific amount of art, completing around 50 pieces. A total of 46 of those, as a set appropriately titled "Transitions," will be exhibited at Temple's Cultural Activities Center beginning Jan. 14, and will run through Feb. 19. The event is being co-sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS). An opening reception will be held 7-9 p.m. Jan. 14 at the CAC.

The exhibit is a major effort for someone who, while never quite aban-



CHUCK MCCARTER WITH ONE OF HIS PAINTINGS, TITLED "THE MOON GOES TO THE FI..."

doning his own art, had allowed it to venture off on a lengthy sabbatical.

"For a long time, I just didn't feel like painting," he says. "But when my mother died (in February), I started thinking about evolution, and what happens when we die. A lot of the paintings are about that question. I think it has something to do with aging, you get more curious as you get older."

McCarter's metaphysical curiosity does show prominently in his work. Even those scenes that are relatively benign teem with a pensive and anxious undercurrent, while others are those of chaotic tumult.

Admittedly, McCarter acknowledges some of the more severe pieces can be a bit tough to consider. In a way, he hopes that they are. That's what he was going for.

"It's all expressionism," he explains. "These paintings are examples of raw, emotional expression."

Fitted with masks, McCarter's subjects are all in flux, undergoing (mostly unwanted) change: from life to death, adolescence to adulthood, immaturity to maturity. Indeed, most

of the pieces reduce existence to a sort of primordial simplicity: that life is a ceaseless repetition of endings and beginnings, whether you like it or not.

The masks themselves are a nod to ancient cultures such as the Mycenaeans, who would adorn their dead with gilded masks to aid them as they made their way through the afterlife. That symbolic transcendence, McCarter found, fit well with his own sensibilities. "Masks are prominent in giving identities, and they represent a way to get through the transitions," he said.

Spurred by his artistic resurgence, and its side function as a type of informal therapy, McCarter continues to paint at a break-neck pace, sometimes working through the night to finish a piece while the figurative iron is still hot.

And if all goes well with the CAC exhibit, McCarter says he will consider more showings in the future. Although finding inspiration somewhere outside of suffering must be a welcome thought.

At least then he might get a full night's sleep.

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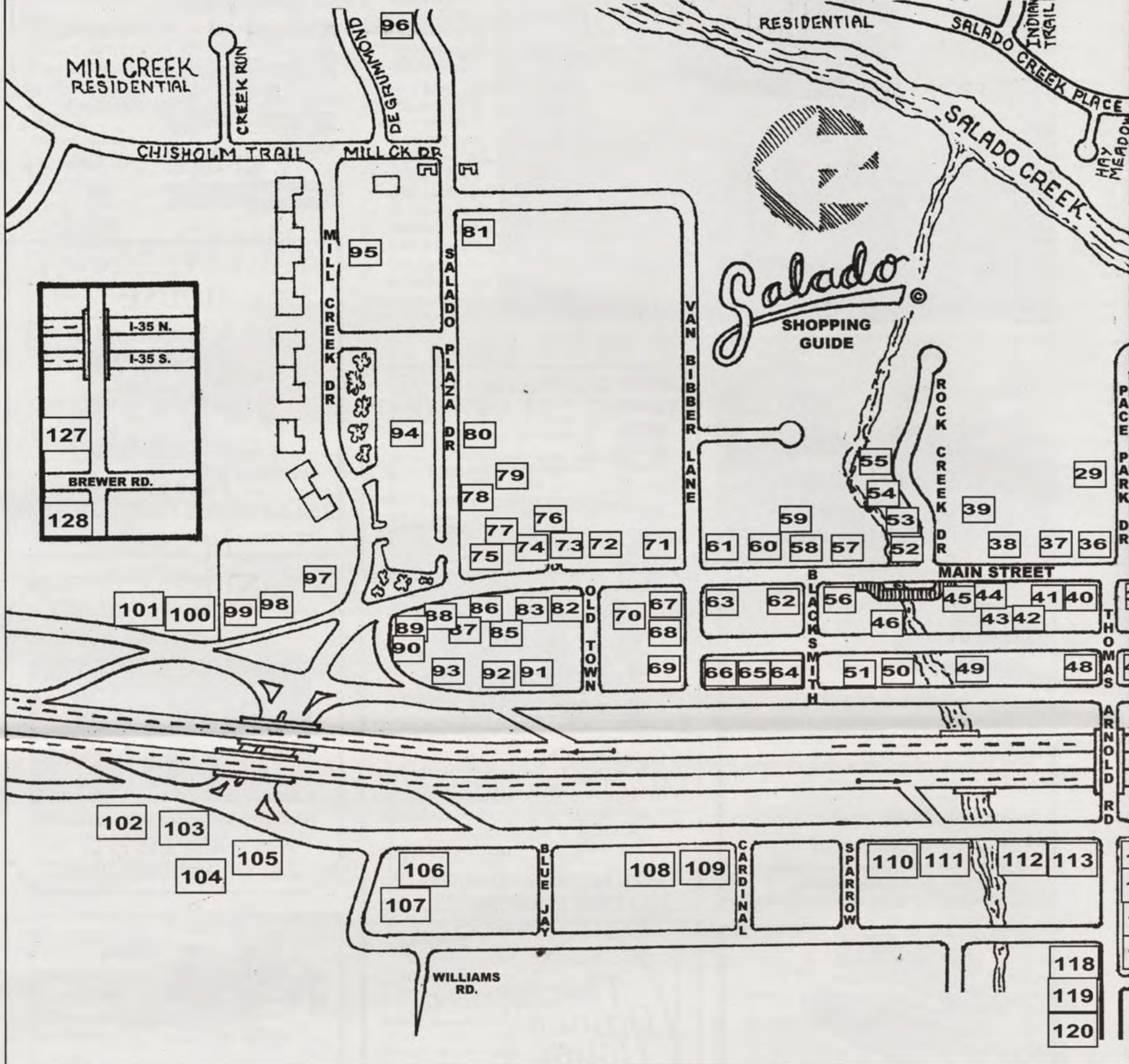


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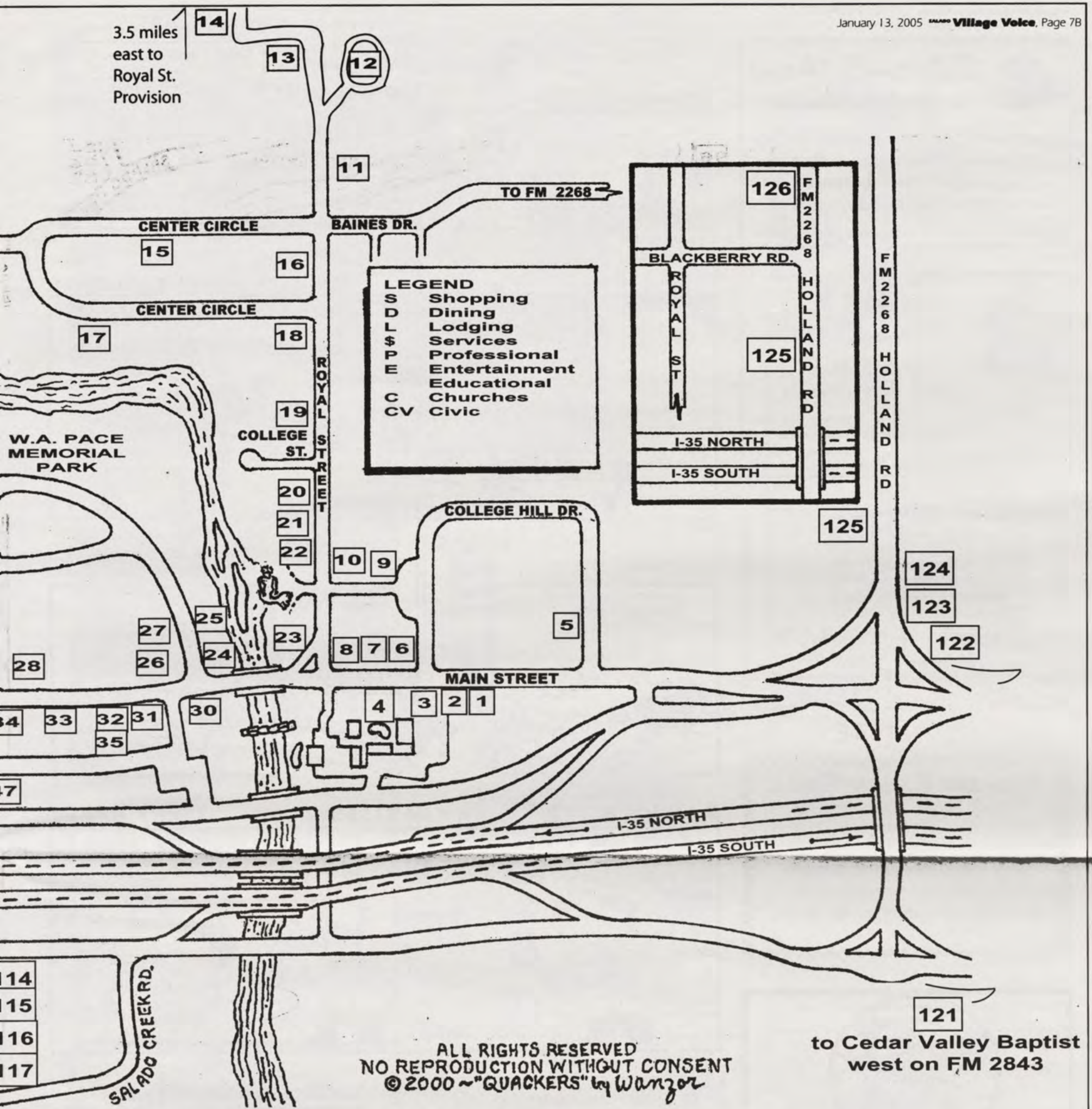
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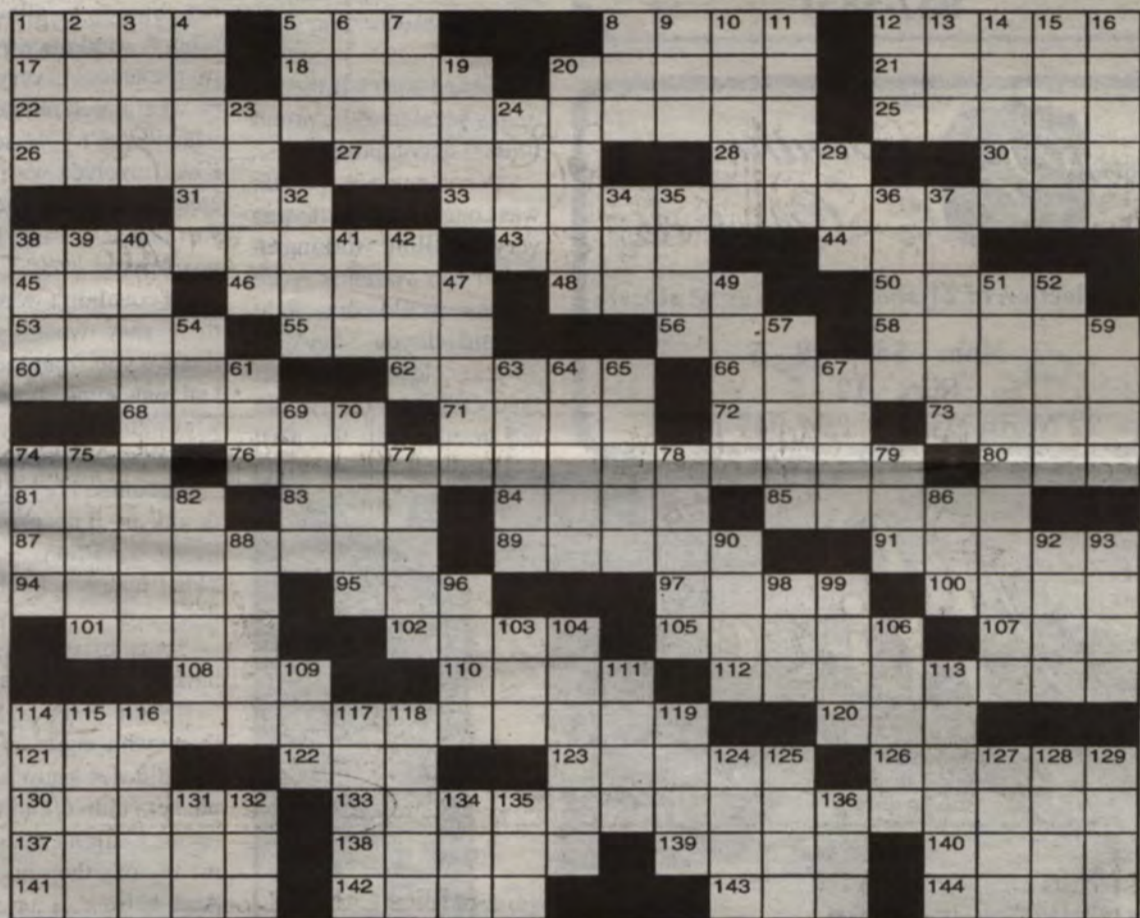
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Kerry Birdwell didn't know that prisons had schools until he was asked to teach in one. "Now probably 90 or 95 prisons in the state have schools in them," says Kerry, who is now assistant principal of the middle school in Sweetwater. He spent 10 years teaching inmates at several prisons in the state.

"The prison system was pretty interesting, I'll say that," says Kerry. "The majority of what they do is GED prep. They also have a lot of vocational programs and life skills classes."

Twice a year the prison system has graduation ceremonies.

"Different speakers come in and they do the prison school graduation just like a high school graduation ceremony," he said.

I asked Kerry if the inmates seemed to be proud of their accomplishments.

"Very much so. That was one thing that was very fulfilling working in the prison system. A lot of them would come right out and tell you. They'd be 35 years old and they'd get their GED and they would tell me it was the first

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thing they had really stuck with and accomplished in their entire life. It meant a lot to them. Their families would come to the graduation. It was a neat experience."

Education is considered part of rehabilitation.

"The school has very strict guidelines to get in. They have to do with the time you're going to be released and how you've acted since you've been in prison. If you've had lots of problems, you're not going to be allowed in school. And once you get in, the school is very strict on what it will tolerate and what it won't. The schools I was involved with tolerated very little because we had a waiting list of people who wanted to get in. If you didn't want to be there they would simply remove you from the class and put someone else in who wanted to be there."

Kerry says the school's classrooms are air-conditioned. The prisoners' living conditions are not. "That makes school a big incentive."

Some of the prisoners have no education at all.

"There was a lot of them who came in there and did not know the alphabet, didn't know how to read, didn't recognize many of the numbers. And believe it or not, I saw people who came into prison like that and go ahead and get their GED. That's what it's all about."

The student prisoners have no homework. "For security purposes, the prison administration did not want them transporting anything from school back to their cells. That would be an excellent chance for them to move things they're not supposed to have. The school had everything right there for them."

Whatever universe a professor believes in must at any rate be a universe that lends itself to lengthy discourse. A universe definable in two sentences is something for which the professorial intellect has no use. No faith in anything of that cheap kind!
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Salado Village Voice is pleased to announce the Second Annual Salado Bridal Guide, which will be published as a special insert into the newspaper. Bridal Dreams will have a total circulation of 10,000 copies, inserted into three editions of the newspaper (January, May and June). Additional copies will be distributed through advertisers, as well as the Salado Chamber of Commerce information kiosk.

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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/

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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.**

Silver Classic 5K set in Killeen

Runners and walkers from all over Central Texas are gearing up for the 19th annual Silver Classic 5K Run & Walk, to be held March 6 at Metroplex Hospital in Killeen. The race will begin at 8:30 a.m. in front of the hospital at 2201 S. Clear Creek Road. Check-in and late registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The race is a part of the CenTex Race Series, collaboration by the Killeen & Harker Heights Parks and Recreation departments and Metroplex Health System. The 3.1-mile race around Metroplex Hospital and Central Texas College promotes community wellness in Central Texas.

The annual event offers runners and walkers of all ages a free health screenings, free breakfast, race shirts, goodie bags and door prizes. This year's event will include body fat composition screenings and health information. Separate divisions are set up for male and female runners and walkers in age groups from 11 and under, 12-15, 16-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-55, 55-59 and 60 and up. Trophies will go to the top overall male and female runners and walkers, as well as the top three runners and walkers in each age category. Entry fee is \$15. A feature Metroplex

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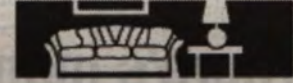
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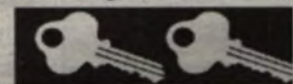
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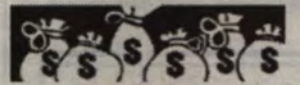
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Salado ISD is considering beginning school on August 16, 2005. School began on August 16, 2004 this academic school year. A public hearing will be held at the regularly scheduled board meeting on Monday, January 24, 2005, 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

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Master Gardener

by Ursula Nanna

Plants enjoy a cup of tea every now and then. Compost tea contains 16 beneficial nutrients that add a jolt to the soil and a punch to the plants. You'll see an increased root system, a more robust plant with a healthy leaf structure, and, if the plants are of the flowering variety, larger and more flowers.

If you already have a compost pile up and going; that is excellent. If not, start gathering leaves and grass clippings and some twigs and start your compost pile now. Come spring, you'll be ready to start compost tea with the rest of us. For information on how to make a compost pile, go to the Bell County Master Gardener Association Website at BCMGA.org, click on 'Tip of the Week Archives' and then scroll down to Oct. 2003 for my article, "Bottoms Up," which is about composting.

Compost tea extends the benefits of composting by increasing the presence of Mycorrhizal fungi and beneficial bacteria, and helps break down soil toxins. This special tea is made by brewing compost

and adding nutrients to the brew mix and aerating for two-to-three days with an aerator. The tea is then applied to the plants' leaves or to the soil.

As concerned gardeners, we use the compost tea to cut down on or eliminate the use of inorganic fertilizers, pesticides, and fungicides and to increase the beneficial organisms in the soil like beneficial nematodes, fungi, and bacteria that feed the plants and condition the surrounding soil.

To make compost tea you'll need some mature compost - that is, a pile that has been turned and allowed to heat enough to kill weed seeds and pathogens. Vermiculture compost can also be used and offers many benefits in itself. Follow the same procedure for both. If your compost is made from more leaves than grass, you'll develop a good fungal tea used specifically on berries and trees. If your compost is

made from more grass and green material like alfalfa, legumes, beans and peas, you'll develop a bacterial tea excellent for plants and vegetable gardens.

Mix a large compost pile at one time and pile it high so proper heating of 130 to 160 degrees takes place. Moisten the pile to damp, not wet, and allow the pile to stand three-to-four days after heating begins. Measure the temperature with a long thermometer into the center of the pile. At 155 degrees, turn the pile every four days or so. The more the pile is turned, the more beneficial bacteria are fed. In about six-to-eight weeks the compost pile will begin to cool down and the organic material will begin a humus-like stage, not soil yet but highly organic. The compost is now ready to brew.

Let's keep it simple so any of us can brew the tea, including the children. Besides the ready compost, you'll need the following:

a five gallon pail; a small aquarium pump to aerate the brew; a gang valve with three-to-five valves to distribute the air; three-to-five bubblers; and some air tubing. These can usually be purchased wherever aquarium fish are sold.

In addition to that list, you will also need an unpainted stick with which to stir the brew to mix in the two ounces of unsulfured molasses and some used nylons or cheesecloth to filter the finished brew.

If you try to short cut and not bubble the mix, harmful anaerobic bacteria will dominate. You'll know that happened by the terrible sewer-like stench. This mix will be harmful to your plants. If using city water, bubble the city water overnight to air off the chlorine which would kill the beneficial organisms. Then add the compost.

Fill the five gallon bucket about half full with loose compost. Cut three-to-five equal lengths of tubing long enough to reach the bottom of the bucket and attach the bubblers to the hoses and



A compost tea in the spring and again in the fall can be sprayed on the leaves of your garden plants.

the other end of the hoses to the aerator pump. Fill the bucket almost full of water and start the aerator pump. Once things are up and going, add one ounce of unsulfured molasses and mix with the stick. Rearrange the bubblers again. Stir several times more and rearrange the bubblers to the bottom of the pail.

In three days, turn off the aerator pump and remove the bubblers. Add another one ounce of unsulfured molasses and let the brew rest about 20 minutes. Now filter the brew through the stockings or cheesecloth into a clean bucket.

Use this tea as soon as possible, especially within a couple of hours- so all the beneficial organisms are fresh and well fed.

If you or your neighbors have been using pesticides, several applications of the tea are necessary at 10

day intervals. Once you use the compost tea as a regular garden staple, using the brew once in the spring and once in the fall is sufficient. Your tea can be sprayed on the leaves or added directly to the soil around the plants and the leftover strained brew material should be re-added to the compost pile.

Soon you'll see healthier plants as they consume the mix of nutrients and beneficial micro-organisms warding off harmful fungi, bacteria, and insects. If you work during the week, begin the brew on Wednesday or Thursday so the tea is ready for use on the weekend.

If you get the kids involved, you'll be surprised at all the compost tea they will willingly make and the amount of fun all will have. Happy Brewing!

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The new law enacted on Jan. 7 allows these donations to be deducted as if they were made on Dec. 31, 2004.

"There are no extra forms to fill out or any additional burdens for taxpayers," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "As long as you send your check by the end of the month, the donation will be treated just like it was still 2004."

The new law only allows for cash contributions. The contributions must be made specifically for the relief of victims in areas affected by the Dec. 26, 2004, tsunami in the Indian Ocean. The new law gives taxpayers the option of deducting the contributions on either their 2004 or 2005 returns, but not both.

The IRS advises taxpayers to be sure their contributions go to qualified charities. Taxpayers who have a specific charity in mind can make sure that it is a qualified charity by doing a

search on IRS.gov. Some organizations, such as churches or governments, may be qualified even though they are not listed on IRS.gov. For information on groups involved in tsunami relief, donors can also look to the USAID site at www.usaid.gov/locations/asia_near_east/tsunami/ngolist.html or USA Freedom Corps at www.usafreedomcorps.gov.

The IRS reminds donors that contributions to foreign organizations generally are not deductible.

IRS Publication 526, Charitable Contributions, provides information on making contributions to charities. Publication 3833, Disaster Relief: Providing Assistance through Charitable Organizations, explains how the public can use charitable organizations to help victims of disasters, and how new organizations can obtain tax-exempt status. Both publications are available on IRS.gov.

When donors make contributions to assist the victims of the tsunami, they should notate their records to that effect. Donors may want to notate the memo field of checks they send that it is a contribution to help tsunami victims.

Consider these facts before itemizing

Whether to itemize deductions on your tax return depends on how much you spent on certain expenses last year. According to the IRS, money paid for medical care, mortgage interest, taxes, contributions, casualty losses, and miscellaneous deductions can reduce your taxes. If the total amount spent on those categories is more than the standard deduction, you can usually benefit by itemizing.

For tax year 2004 and 2005 itemized returns, you have a choice of claiming a state and local tax deduction for either sales or income taxes. The IRS will provide optional tables for use in determining the deduction amount, relieving taxpayers of the need to save receipts throughout the year. Sales taxes paid on motor vehicles and boats may be added to the table amount, but only up to the amount paid at the general sales tax rate. Check a box on Schedule A, Itemized Deductions, to indicate whether your deduction is for sales or income taxes.

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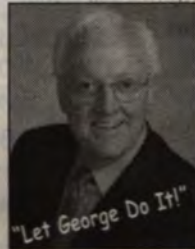
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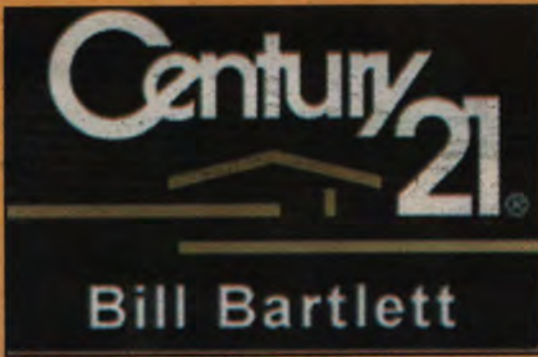
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Carter named to appropriations

The House Republican Steering Committee placed U.S. Representative John R. Carter (TX-31) on the prestigious Appropriations Committee last week.

"The steering committee recognized the area's need for representation in the appropriations process and the growing importance of Central Texas - it's where the world's largest military installation is just up the interstate from a national technology hub and surrounded by the fertile agriculture industry," said Carter.

Yesterday the steering committee also recommended Rep. Jerry Lewis (CA-41) to head the Appropriations Committee. Last October, as invited by Carter, Lewis toured

Fort Hood. The tour included a briefing, flyover of the base, Central Technical Support Facility tour and a visit to the new 4th Infantry Division memorial.

"I am honored to have been elected to serve on such a prominent committee." Carter continued by saying, "As a member of this committee I will work to make sure our nation's priorities are appropriately funded."

During his first term in Congress, Carter served on the House Judiciary, Government Reform and Education and the Workforce Committees and served on six subcommittees. Carter will be assigned to subcommittees in the coming weeks.

BellJam sets Temple concert at CAC Jan. 15

Freddie Fuller and the BellJam Band will present an evening of music Jan. 15, at the Cultural Activities Center in Temple. The show features the folk style of Sally Carlson, from Geronimo; John Lentz, from Hutto, singing the songs of John Denver; and Stephanie Davis, of Belton, showcasing her Madrigal talent in a variety of melodies.

Those three will be joining regular vocalists Melissa McGee, Lealean Peace (also on drums), and Freddie Fuller, emcee. LaRon Tubbs will man the keyboards, joined by Jim Robertson on lead guitar and Jay Bryant on bass guitar.

Doors for the show open at 6 p.m., with the performance beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, and children 12 and under are admitted free.

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What is toxic metal syndrome?

Dear EarthTalk: Are metals poisonous, and what is "Toxic Metal Syndrome?" -- Dan Galt, Hughson, CA

Many metals, including aluminum, mercury, lead, iron and cadmium, can have a number of disturbing effects on human beings. The phrase "Toxic Metal Syndrome" encompasses all of the health problems associated with such metals.

According to the book, *Toxic Metal Syndrome*, by Dr. H. Richard Casdorff and Dr. Morton Walker, exposure to metals causes cell damage as the substances collect in organs, resulting in "degenerative diseases which affect no less than 92 percent of the populations of Western industrialized nations, in particular those people living in apartment high-rises and other polluted city dwellings." The book goes on to detail how some of the diseases linked to poisonous metals include heart and/or blood vessel deterioration, pancreatitis, gout, arthritis, chronic fatigue, irritable bowel, multiple sclerosis and several forms of cancer.

One of the most dangerous metals to human health is aluminum, a potent "neurotoxin" that can cause cognitive impairment as well as osteoporosis and kidney malfunction. Some studies show that people with Alzheimer's disease have more aluminum than usual in their brains. But, according to the U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), it is unknown whether the metal causes Alzheimer's or if the buildup happens to people who already have the disease.

Meanwhile, mercury is also very poisonous. Mercury is a by-product of many industrial emissions, and as a result can end up in rivers, streams and oceans and--by extension--the fish we eat. Mercury can also be released into the body in small amounts from so-called "silver fillings" in teeth (which contain mercury) and from some medical treatments. ATSDR reports that mercury can affect many different areas of the brain and their associated functions. It can also cause cardiovascular and immunological problems. Research indicates that some people who eat fish contaminated with large amounts of mercury can develop permanent brain or kidney damage. Casdorff and Walker caution that mercury can also cross the placenta and affect a developing fetus.

Since their bodies and brains are still developing, children are disproportionately affected by exposure to toxic metals. Many

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toxic metals have been documented to cause developmental delays, learning disabilities, depression and behavioral abnormalities in many otherwise normal-appearing children. Researchers have found that more than 20 percent of children in the U.S. have had their health or learning adversely affected by exposure to toxic metals such as mercury, lead and cadmium.

CONTACTS: U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, (888) 422-8737, www.atsdr.cdc.gov; Mercury Policy Project, (802) 223-9000, www.mercurypolicy.org.

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Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that coastal development contributed to greater loss of life from the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster? James McClain, New York, NY

The tsunami that devastated Southeast Asia in December was a natural catastrophe triggered by a massive undersea earthquake. But rampant coastal development in recent years--which removed the mangrove forests and coral reefs that had previously been abundant along shorelines--did contribute to the damage and death toll. These natural barriers formed a so-called "coastal greenbelt" that served as both nursing grounds for fish and sea mammals and as buffers against the pounding surf and occasional tidal wave.

Thailand's popular and extensively developed beach resorts were some of the hardest hit areas in the tsunami zone. In these especially vulnerable areas, hotels, shrimp farms, highways, housing and commercial developments have squeezed out the natural barriers that might have otherwise shielded many victims from the brunt of the deadly wave.

Edward Barbier, a University of Wyoming professor who has studied resource problems in developing countries for more than two decades, points out that explosive economic development since the 1960s has depleted half of Thailand's coastal mangrove forests.

"Even nature's ecosystem could not have prevented the tsunami," concedes Barbier. "With an event that huge you have to expect great loss, but the question is, could some of it have been reduced?"

According to Meena Raman of Friends of the Earth International, tens of thousands of lives were spared by December's tsunami directly because of coastal conservation measures instituted in India, Malaysia and Sri Lanka to preserve mangrove forests and coral reefs. "What we have seen in the tsunami crisis is that the areas that were protected naturally suffered less than those that were more exposed," says Raman, adding that the protection of such natural walls may be the only long-term solution to defending coastal populations against future tidal waves.

Going forward, coastal communities in Southeast Asia and elsewhere are likely to suffer further from an even greater man-made environmental problem: global warming. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), an association of climate scientists that reviews and reports on the latest findings about climate change, sea levels

have risen worldwide about six inches over the last century as a result of the industrial pollution that has warmed the globe. Many in the environmental community believe that a higher sea level overall also intensified the effect of the tsunami on the affected coastal communities.

IPCC scientists expect that we may see an additional sea level rise of a foot or more over the next several decades as polar ice caps melt in response to rising global temperatures--a trend that is certain to have much longer-term negative effects on coastal communities and their inhabitants.

CONTACTS: Friends of the Earth International, www.foei.org; Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), www.ipcc.ch; to donate to tsunami relief efforts, www.unicef.org.

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