

# Salado Village Voice

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## Voting begins in bond election

Early voting has begun in an election for two Salado I.S.D. bond proposals totaling \$16,175,000.

Early voting will be 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays Jan. 18-31, 2006 at the Salado Civic Center at 601 N. Main Street.

Additional early voting times will be the following:

- 7:00-8:30 a.m. Jan. 19 at the Thomas Arnold Elementary school library on Thomas Arnold Rd.
- 5-8 p.m. Jan. 24 at Salado High School on Thomas Arnold Rd.
- 5:30-8:00 p.m. Jan. 26 at Salado Intermediate School commons area on Thomas Arnold Rd.
- 8 a.m.-noon Jan. 28 at the Salado Civic Center on Main St.

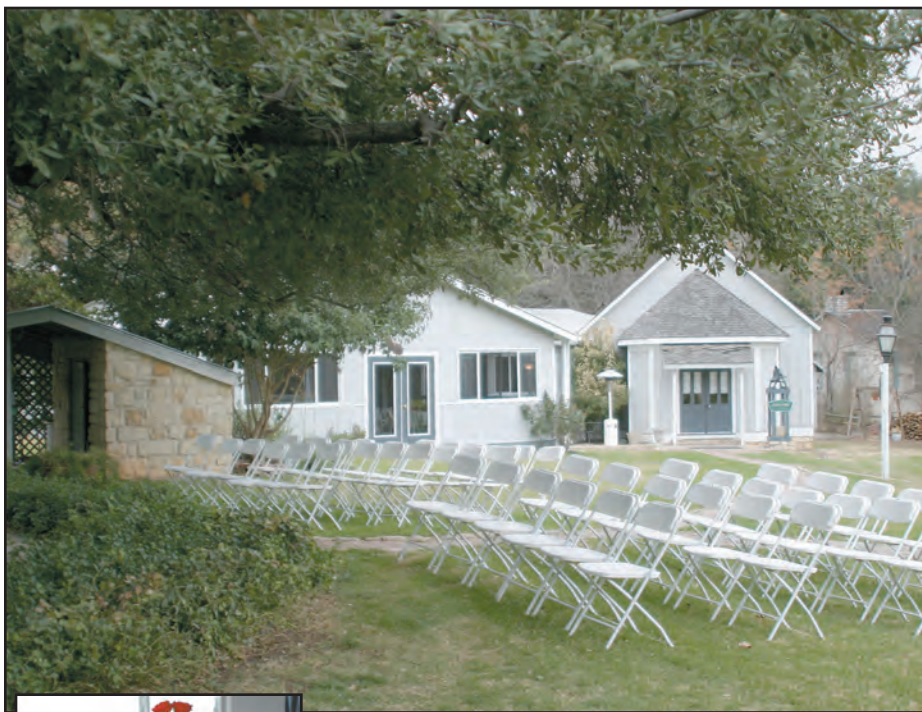
Election day, the polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main St. Salado.

Proposition 1, totaling \$15,675,000, will be construction of a new high

school on the 50 acres of property at FM 2484 and Williams Dr. with renovations of current academic facilities.

Construction of the new high school is budgeted at \$15 million, while \$675,000 is budgeted for the renovations. The high school will be built with a core capacity of 800 students and a classroom capacity of 600 students. The design will allow for additional classroom wings to be built when needed.

Proposition 2, totaling \$500,000, will be for renovating the existing football stadium and elementary gymnasium. The renovations of the football stadium include adding seating capacity, bringing restrooms, stands and walkways into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The renovations of the elementary gymnasium include addressing cooling and roofing issue.



Salado displayed why it has become such a popular destination location for weddings, reunions, anniversaries and other gatherings during the first-ever Salado Wedding and Event Showcase Jan. 15. Above, is Inn at Salado on Main Street, which was one of the dozen anchor locations on the Showcase tour. The Inn offers complete wedding and other gathering services both on the grounds or within the wedding chapel. At left, is a cake by Sweet Smells of Salado with flowers by Creative Innovations. For more photos, click on [www.saladovillagevoice.com](http://www.saladovillagevoice.com), where you can also view *Bridal Dreams*.

## Aldermen mull bids, ordinances

Salado aldermen will review bids during their regular meeting 6:30 p.m. Jan. 19 for renovation of the new Municipal Building. The initial bids were over \$125,000 for renovation of the old Salado Funeral Home for municipal uses, but aldermen have worked with the architect to rework the specifications of the bids for cost-savings.

Aldermen will open the new bids and discuss awarding the contracts at the Jan. 19 meeting.

In other business, the board will discuss insurance fire ratings for the Village to seek ways of improving the ratings within the area to lower property owners' insurance costs. The board is expected to review the ratings with the Salado Volunteer Fire Department, with which the Village has a \$25,000 annual contract.

The board will also discuss the Village Waste Disposal Franchise Fee, a Fireworks Ordinance and a Heavy Vehicle Ordinance.

## Library hosts local authors on Jan. 19

The Salado Public Library will host an informal evening reception to recognize Salado's local published authors 6:30-8

p.m. Jan. 19, at the library. At last count, some 16 authors reside in Salado.

There will be no formal presentations by the

authors, nor will there be a book sale.

The authors, however, may have purchasing information available.

## Chamber to honor business, citizen at banquet

Tickets for the annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet Jan. 24 are now available at the Chamber office in the Salado Civic Center on Main Street.

Tickets are \$29.50 per person for the served buffet dinner, catered by The Range Restaurant of Salado.

The Banquet will be held in the new Blue Heron Event Center on the grounds of Tenroc Ranch, two miles west of I-35 on Thomas Arnold Road.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Gary McCaleb, of Abilene.

In addition to the dinner and speaker, the Banquet will include the presentation of the annual

Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year and Hall of Fame awards.

Also, during the banquet, attendees can purchase tickets for a drawing for a necklace valued at \$1,600 donated by Gregory's, of Salado. The necklace, designed by John Atencio is silver and 18K yellow gold with pink tourmaline. Tickets for this drawing will be \$10 each. Tickets can also be bought in advance at the Chamber of Commerce office. You need not be present to win.

Dr. Gary McCaleb

Dr. Gary McCaleb is vice president of Abilene Christian University, Executive Director of the

Center for Building Community and professor of management at ACU.

Dr. McCaleb in 1999 completed his ninth year and third term as mayor of the City of Abilene. He was president of the Texas Municipal League in 1993, and served on the Advisory Boards of the National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors and was the U.S. representative to the World Executive Committee of the International Union of Local Authorities.

He is a frequent speaker, both nationally and internationally, on city issues especially the importance of building community, and he has

recently produced two books: "Community: The 'Other' Side of Self" and "The Gift of Community: Reflections on the Way We Live and Work Together." Dr. McCaleb has made five trips for the U.S. State Department, speaking to local government officials in Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Iceland and Northern Ireland.

Dr. McCaleb earned his bachelor's degree from ACU and holds an MBA and Ph.D. from Texas A&M University. McCaleb was elected to the Abilene City Council in 1985, and served until 1990, when he was elected Mayor. He was elected for a second three-year term in May of 1993 and a third

term in May of 1996.

As executive director for the Center for Building Community McCaleb has been responsible for bringing well-known personalities such as film critic Michael Medved, former congressman J.C. Watts, and former prime minister of Pakistan Benazir Bhutto to Abilene. The center's purpose is to propose solutions to the crises of community that exist at all levels of society.

McCaleb teaches a course in leadership in the College of Business. He has produced two books: *Community: The Other Side of Self* and *The Gift of Community*.

In his role as vice

president of the university Dr. McCaleb represents ACU at a variety of functions. He also has served ACU as assistant director of alumni relations, director of college relations, assistant academic dean and director of Summer, assistant professor of business administration, and vice president and dean of campus life.

He is married to the former Sylvia Ravanelli and they have a daughter and son, both married, and four granddaughters and two grandsons.

A jogger, McCaleb has run in the New York City, Dallas and Houston marathons.



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# FORUM

## An Open Exchange of Ideas



## 2005's most underappreciated story

The robust American economy is the great underappreciated story of 2005. Like the purloined letter in Edgar Allan Poe's story, our superb economy is hidden in plain view, mostly ignored by a media that prefer to accentuate the negative and a Democratic Party that, for understandable partisan reasons, is loath to admit that anything could possibly be right in George Bush's America.

The end of the year brought a barrage of good news that it will take Herculean determination to determinedly ignore.

MasterCard reported that holiday sales increased 8.7 percent over last year. Sales of electronics were up 11 percent, and home furnishings were up 15 percent. Purchases exceeding \$1,000 increased by 13 percent. The Wall Street Journal noted that economic pessimists harp about median incomes declining, but "judging by these holiday sales, somebody must have money."

Overall, consumer confidence rose in December to its highest levels since before Hurricane Katrina battered the Gulf Coast. The price of a gallon of gasoline declined to \$2.18, well below the high of more than \$3 in September, and workers were earning 3.2 percent more than in November 2004.

The unemployment rate is at a level that at one time would have been cause for universal celebration -- just 5 percent -- and according to Jeffrey M. Lacker, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Va.), employment continues to grow at a "healthy pace." All of this comes on top of low inflation and extraordinarily high productivity gains. Heritage Foundation economist Tim Kane calculates, putting all the key factors together, that economically, 2005 is one of the best five years out of the past 25.

Bush can't get all the credit for a fortuitous turn in the business cycle.

## Rich Lowry



(Although President Clinton somehow managed to claim personal responsibility for every tick up in GDP and every tick down in the unemployment rate.) It's the amazing resiliency, and endless capacity for innovation, of the American economy itself that is responsible for the latest spurt in growth.

But one Bush policy in particular did stoke the upturn. As a report of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress explained, consumer spending never stopped growing in the 2001 recession. It was a free-fall in investment that caused the economic stall. Bush's 2003 tax cuts on dividends and capital gains were meant to recharge that particular engine in the economy, and they did. According to Kane, investment has grown at a rate of 9.2 percent since those tax cuts, higher than the average of 6 percent of the past two decades.

No matter. In the Bush economy, the press specializes in making people feel badly about doing well. The coverage in coming weeks will surely obsess about high home-heating bills. Since no economy can achieve a state of Zen perfection, when spring comes, there will be something else to be discouraged about, perhaps the softening housing market. Recent business surveys show companies are planning to increase hiring in 2006. That's a sign the vigorous economy is set to roll on into 2006, appreciated or not.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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## Lineup complete for Governor's race; Perry favored but dark horse Strayhorn could win if Special Session bombs

### Off the Record by Ken Clapp



It hardly seems possible, but we're less than seven weeks away from the first primary here in the Lone Star State, and the huge lineup of worthies running for State offices, as well as Congress, gives rise to speculation that either there's a shortage of brother-in-law type work available in our communities; or for some reason this year has produced a larger than usual crop of "layabouts," seeking taxpayer funded vacations in that never-never land of lawmaking.

Don't be too shocked if these purveyors of palaver, once elected, will sustain their new life styles with side orders of lobby-gifts to ease the hours of legislating. All the while enjoying the perks of power, pork and pretension.

### GOVERNOR'S RACE DRAWS CROWD

The race for Governor of Texas has 11 candidates scattered within four political parties - with only the Demos and Repubs involved in the March 7 primaries.

Republican Governor Rick Perry will be going after a record 10 years in office this time-around, and thanks to three unknown opponents (Larry Kilgore, Rhett Smith and Star Locke), the incumbent will breeze through the primary with no runoff. Unless, of course, someone shows up with a goat-picture; or Perry's true record of "leaderless-leadership" is publicized.

Over in the Demo primary there are two fairly well known guys in contention. Chris Bell, who was booted out of his Congressional seat by Tom DeLay's devious redistricting scheme, is facing veteran pol Bob Gammage, whose history goes back to his 1970's membership in the infamous "Dirty Thirty" Texas House contingent. Also on the Demo ballot are Felix Alvarado and Rashad Jafer.

### The Dirty Thirty

The "Dirty's" were a group of liberals whose enemies were power-broking "conservative" Democrats, then in total control legislatively. Gammage was a team-mate of Texas Liberal's Poster Girl "Sissy" Farenthold, who ran against Governor Dolph Briscoe twice (1972-1974) and was defeated both times. But not before driving him bonkers with her inane left wing dribble.

Gammage later moved across the capital rotunda from House to Senate, and still later was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1990 he ran successfully for a seat on the State Supreme Court, and in 1995 retired to practice law in Llano.

Gammage, with statewide campaign experience, is the odds-on primary favorite, although Bell is no slouch and has current congressional savvy. More importantly - he's from Houston where the votes are located. Could be headed for a runoff.

And then there's the lone Libertarian - James Werner, whose party racked up enough votes in the last general election to qualify for a spot on the ballot.

He'll have a free ride through the primaries and then face Perry; the Gammage vs Bell victor; plus two Independents; all on November 7.

### INDEPENDENT PARTY

The Independents, (provided they can each round-up over 45,000 petition names), are both certified "characters" and will draw crowds - some to guffaw and others to support-vote. Kinky Friedman, author, raconteur, musician and general funny-man, who on any

circuit can (and will) keep 'em in stitches. Meanwhile, the newest Independent convert, Comptroller Carole Strayhorn, continues gnawing away on her favorite political bone - Rick the Reluctant.

That puts five folks in the November post-primary gubernatorial run. Plenty of time to degrade, disparage and decry their opponents. Attention will focus on "favorite" Perry and how he handles the Springtime special school finance session that has been judicially mandated.

If Perry gets through that maze - he'll sail on to victory. However, if he fails again (for 7th time) and the courts end up closing the schools, Strayhorn will pounce and we'll have our first Independent Party Governor since 1859 when Sam Houston beat Democrat H. R. Runnels.

Strayhorn is the one opponent Perry fears above the rest and for good reason - she knows where the bodies are buried.

If it weren't for the seriousness of this election - it would be worth watching just for the fun Kinky will provide; the miscues by Crazy Hair Perry; the liberalism of Gammage; and the Strayhorn style of below-the-belt punches, while smiling like the "tough old grandma" she really is.

### DON'T DISCOUNT STRAYHORN

Don't discount Strayhorn in this gubernatorial free-for-all. Given half a chance (and Perry could easily supply that ingredient) she'll mop up the floor with her hapless foe, who's currently running around the State bragging about his leadership ability.

Decorating himself with "leadership" badges, makes about as much sense as his newly embraced "Intelligent Design" platform-plank, since neither brains nor leadership have been conspicuous hallmarks during the former Aggie Yell Leader's six years of free room and board in the Governor's Mansion.

### KELSO SCORES AGAIN

We've saluted Austin American funnymen John Kelso many times for his faithful commentaries about our elected class. He outdid himself (according to this column's standards) on January 10 when he came up with a new Native American name for Jack Abramoff, the Indian casino "money changer." (From their hands to his).

Inspired by the classic Indian film "Dances with Wolves", Kelso wrote: "From now on, I'm thinking of Abramoff as 'Dances with Dollars' because of the way he bilked money out of the Tigua Indian tribe of El Paso."

When all the Abramoff tattling is over and folks are either in court or jail - we'll remember old "Dances With Dollars" who forced congress to reform and slow down their vote selling propensities. And we'll remember Kelso for coining the appropriate title.

### CHICKEN ON SUNDAY

We'll also try and make sense (if possible) out of the mid-term elections - with emphasis on the wide-open Governor's race. With so much at stake and so many performers, it should be exciting theater - all the way to November.

In any event - we subscribe (and hope you'll do the same) to that old timey truism: "If you don't like Texas style politicking - then it's certain you don't like chicken on Sunday!"

That's -30-

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Kids have made sacrifices,  
now it's our turn to do so

## Our Voice

### Editorial Opinion

No doubt, the \$16.175 million bonds sought by the Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees will require sacrifice from the local taxpayers.

Anyone who tries to downplay or belittle that fact is badly mistaken.

However, this sacrifice by the taxpayers in our community will allow for a 50 percent expansion of school classroom facilities so that the children of our community will no longer have to make the sacrifice of overcrowded conditions.

Currently, the three schools (all located on one campus) provide for a total student capacity of 1,342, if you include the 12 classrooms that are today housed in portable buildings. Deduct those portables from the classroom inventory and the student capacity drops to 1,078 students. The current student enrollment in January tipped 1,218 students.

If the current growth continues, the schools will have almost 1,350 students before the new high school is opened for its first day of classes in 2007-08.

Salado school trustees are asking taxpayers to increase their property taxes by more than 10 percent to pay the debt service on bonds totaling \$16.175 million. By approving the bonds, however, the school district can address both the long-term and short-term issues of growth within the district.

Opponents of the bonds use the cliché that "if you build it, they will come," without ever admitting to the reality of today's situation: "they" are already here.

"They" will continue to come, whether or not new facilities are built.

Should we choose NOT to build, the influx of students continue to be jammed into a piece of property that architect Michael Marrs stated on May 19, 2003 was inadequate for the current capacity, much less expansion.

School trustees, before buying 50 acres on FM 2484 and Williams Rd., considered many possibilities, including building on the current location. However, the community in several open meetings directed trustees to build off-site.

Even Marrs, in his report to the board in 2003, required moving some facilities (softball, baseball

or football fields) in order to allow for expansion of classrooms at the current site. The cost of building a new off-site athletic complex -- \$3.6 million according to Fields and Associates not including sitework and demolition -- would increase the usable land at Thomas Arnold by at most eight to 10 acres. That is a cost of at least \$360,000 per acre, more than 35 times the price per acre the school district paid for the 50 acres at FM 2484 and Williams Rd.

Furthermore, expanding at the current site is short-sighted because it only exacerbates the problems of traffic, parking, congestion, core capacity and sewage treatment, rather than alleviating those current problems.

Some have suggested buying land adjacent to the current school for expansion. Easy enough: one house on six acres just west of the school stadium went on the market last week for \$400,000.

By asking for a new high school on its own 50 acres (where a second school can be added if needed in the future), school trustees have asked the taxpayer to provide adequate classroom facilities not just for the Class of 2008, but for the Class of 2018 (those students who are today just beginning their journey through our schools).

By asking for renovations to the current academic facilities, trustees are addressing the educational needs of all Salado I.S.D. students.

By asking for renovations and expansion of the current high school football stadium and the elementary gymnasium, trustees are being pragmatic, if not frugal. For a mere fraction of the cost of a new football field or a new gymnasium, the district can expand and improve the current facilities in order to get an additional decade of life from those facilities.

The school trustees have asked you to make a sacrifice, one that they are willing to make themselves as fellow taxpayers.

By making that financial sacrifice, we guarantee that the students -- today and tomorrow -- will no longer have to make the sacrifice of being educated in overcrowded, mediocre facilities.

We owe them at least that much.

# FORUM

## School taxes & spying transparency are topics for readers' letters to editor

To the editor,

With the upcoming school bond vote, residents of the Salado ISD are again facing a watershed decision - to build or not to build a new school. If history is an indicator, there will be passionate argument on both sides of the debate accompanied by the traditional elements of sarcasm, accusation, and impassioned pleas to "do what is best for the kids." Invariably positions will focus on life style, educational quality, and tax increases needed to (1) service the new debt and (2) to maintain educational standards despite the resulting growth in enrollment. There is support for all sides of the questions.

Life Style: A new building has been touted as a growth stimulant - but would growth be good for Salado-area citizens and "kids"? Undoubtedly contractors, land speculators, and realtors benefit immensely from a district's commitment to "build and grow" cycles - building-stimulated growth; then more building; then more growth, etc. (Proof? Just look toward Salado's south. In a district once like Salado's, mine was a senior class of 47; in 2005 that school's enrollment topped 25,000.) Yet, many Salado ISD residents stayed or came here to enjoy the pastoral setting; the small-town qualities; and yes, the obvious benefits of a small-school atmosphere for their own children. It seems illogical that these folks would be encouraged to destroy the very environment they so cherish.

Educational Quality: One bond supporter recently wrote: "By drawing families to Salado... the District is an economic engine." (SVV-12/29/05) Defining Salado's school as a positive "economic engine" is debatable, but a new, larger school will draw more students to Salado. This will negatively impact the district's ability to continue providing today's quality education with current tax revenues. Salado ISD's "property wealth per pupil" (\$349,386, compared with the state average of \$260,579) allows taxpayers to fund high quality for the existing student population, but this "average wealth per pupil" will obviously decrease with a larger

## Your Voice

### Letters to the Editor

enrollment. Which leads to more money needed from...

Taxes: The Texas Supreme Court points out in its new school finance ruling that "...as school enrollments continue to increase...the challenges, financial and otherwise, will become even more tremendous." Calculations using state and district statistics project that each year for each new student drawn to the district by this so-called "economic engine," whether resident or transferee, Salado ISD will ante up about \$4500 above state funding. This \$4500 per pupil must come from increased homeowner and business taxes.

Or, if each family so "drawn to Salado" has only one student, just to break-even, the tax base would require the addition of a house with a taxable value of about \$300,000. But, if the "drawn family" is multi-pupil, or if transfers, or if the families move into some of the hundreds of planned "affordable homes" - well, you do the math. (Transferees pay no local taxes, and the reported \$750 annual "tuition" is far short of the required \$4,500.)

While local school taxes are currently limited by state law, Texas' Supreme Court has also ruled that "local school districts (should have)... more meaningful discretion in setting their local property tax rates..." For financially-concerned Salado ISD taxpayers, this has to sound ominous. Also, because many district homeowners enjoy reductions on taxable values that are privileges, not rights - thus easily revoked - and since to the best of my memory, school buildings are funded with "unlimited" tax bonds, there is a lot of substance for debate. Wouldn't it be nice if the arguments were civil - and honest?

Tom Curb

To the editor:

I am constantly amazed at the unmitigated naiveté of the current crop of liberals, especially when it comes to intelligence gathering. I actually

heard one aspiring young lefty on a Dallas based call in talk show call for "transparency" in our intelligence gathering activities. TRANSPARENCY... can you believe that?

That's like promoting illiteracy at a teachers college or advocating armed combat at a Quaker convention.

Effective intelligence gathering absolutely depends on secrecy and deception for success.

That concept is so self evident that I shouldn't waste time explaining it, but for the limber lipped libs among us, I will. Please read slowly and carefully.

The objective is to not let the target know you are listening; and if they suspect you might be listening, don't let them know how you are doing it; and especially don't ever let them know what you got. Transparency is anathema to the objective.

To be as fair as possible, I must assume they mean well but are simply ignorant or perhaps just plain stupid.

I served for two years at an overseas facility that has evolved into the foremost signal intelligence venue in the free world, grabbing data out of the air back in the good old cold war days (before communications satellites). The data was then repackaged and shipped to NSA for analysis. The technology is ever evolving but the principle is everlasting. Secrecy and deception are essential to success. Transparency? Absurd!

Another rule is that the possibility of a secret being compromised increases geometrically with each additional person in the loop. If one of those people is a politician, take it to the tenth power.

Our intelligence gathering services are way too busy needle hunting in haystacks to be even remotely interested in private citizens' private lives, including proclivities, liaisons, or shenanigans. The utter enormity of the effort precludes frivolous side trips or prurient curiosity. Average citizens

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## The great money-gobbling war machine



Jim Hightower

How much is a billion dollars? Most of us would simply say, "a lot," for we're unable to comprehend such a stash.

But to get your mind around a billion, think of it like this: Suppose you had a billion dollars and you spent \$3,000 of it every day. Wow, you'd be living high on the hog! So, spending at that rate, how long would it take you to go through your billion bucks? Get ready, Methuselah: One thousand years!

This gives some perspective on that money-gobbling war machine we call the Pentagon, which spends more than a billion of our tax dollars every single day. And that doesn't count fighting wars! If we actually use the military, Congress must shovel many more billions into the Pentagon's maw. For example, the president's war of lies in Iraq is now chewing up an extra \$5.6 billion every month.

The sheer volume of our military spending is absurd. First, the Pentagon's basic annual budget of \$500 billion is quadruple the military spending of all of America's potential enemies combined, from Cuba to China. Worse, the Pentagon treats money like pocket lint. You and I are paying for weapons that don't work and aren't needed, for ridiculous multibillion dollar tinker toys like Star Wars, for massive waste and gross fraud by such military contractors as Halliburton, and for a bloated military hierarchy that has 225,000 officers - one for every five soldiers.

Feeding this glutton has led to a perversion of our nation's real security needs.

While throwing money at the Pentagon, our so-called leaders have neglected the upkeep on America's essential infrastructure, shortchanged education, ignored the obvious need of health care for all, and generally failed to provide for the common good.

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# Letters

(not engaged in terror activities) have nothing to fear from the intelligence community.

The liberal press loves the image of "wire-tapping" - a bald guy in shirtsleeves with earphones listening to every word with a lascivious grin. The reality is a super computer programmed to recognize key words or phrases in hundreds of languages and capture only the context of those brief conversations originating outside of the US. If someone calls you from overseas and you are afraid of being eavesdropped, try to avoid using words like bomb, hijack, explosion, slaughter, al quaeda, and Osama and your conversation will go unnoticed. Relax; The Spooks looking after you, not at you.

Dell Gibson

**To the editor:**

After much conversation with several friends and acquaintances over the past few months, I decided

to take a campus tour of our high school facilities. Many of us toured the campuses with Robin Battershell on the morning of January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Let me preface this letter by saying that I was against the bond the last time it was presented to us. Like many people, I did not spend much time thinking about it one way or another. My children were in elementary school and pre-K at the time so I wasn't very concerned. They are still in elementary school, and I can tell you, I am very concerned.

Walking through our high school yesterday convinced me that we need to spend money for new facilities. Based on what I saw yesterday, I think we can do better for our children. And if you don't have children in the system here in Salado, I would still ask you to support this bond. Take a tour of the high school and it will open your eyes.

Cramped classes; one sink for the biology lab; a library that is used for

far more than quiet study because there is space there; bathrooms that need improvement; hallways that are extremely tight during class change; no privacy for students that are in special education classes; narrow sidewalks that allow access to the trailers can not accommodate the students walking outside; these sidewalks are not covered so during bad weather, the kids need to run through the rain to get to their next class; boys and girls locker rooms are inadequate for the number of kids that have to use them; there are several areas that have been identified as "out of compliance", either by the fire department or Texas education official; the shop and agriculture facilities are not close to being adequate for the kids who are involved in these two important areas of study.

Fortunately, there are many parents and others involved in the various Booster Clubs to provide much of the equipment and many services needed in so many areas including athletic programs. But they can't do it all. We need to start the process of building a new high school that will come online in a few years to handle the current and projected growth in our area. If we don't act now, it is hard to imagine that our children will be able to thrive in the current facilities in a few short years.

This being said, we are all very proud of the children who have recently passed through our high school and the ones who attend today. The record of achievement in both academic and athletic programs is awesome. I see the Salado area as a great place to live which is why we moved here

from the Fort Worth area a few years ago. I know we don't have the resources that some districts have, and that's OK. But let's use the resources we do have for the betterment of our community - and that starts with making sure our children have the best we can afford to provide for them.

They don't have that now. And they deserve it. Please vote yes to support building a new high school for our children.

Kurt Barrett

**To the editor:**

We are new residents to Salado, and are so impressed with the many fine, outstanding people in our community.

I want to tell you about an act of kindness at Bo Tangles. I'm sure many of you know Iris who strives to please her clients. A client who had received a recent health set back went up to pay her bill, and Iris said: "No Charge, that's the way I do it, when a client gets a diagnosis of breast cancer. It is my way of helping make a difference".

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Thank you, Iris.  
Peggy Maesaka

**To the editor:**

On Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, I took a second tour of the SISD campus along with 10 other individuals. The tour gave me a new perspective from seeing thing on the inside. I took the tour to gain more knowledge about the upcoming bond election. My husband and I have always been very interested in the education of our children and their future. We feel, as parents, it is our responsibility to provide our children with a safe place to go to school as well as giving them a great educational foundation for furthering their education beyond high school. At the present, SISD is in desperate need of expansion. If you have not taken a tour of the campus, I suggest you go and have a look. I had never been in the high school building until I took the tour. By taking a tour of the campus, you will experience the same eye opening experience as did the rest of us. You

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will hear from me as well as others that took the tour on what we saw firsthand. This experience has shaped our opinion concerning the bond issue.

During the January 10<sup>th</sup> tour, we learned that 25 new students have enrolled in SISD for the spring semester. Because our three children are in elementary, our focus has been at the Thomas Arnold Building. In the elementary alone, attendance has grown by 11 students. There are four classes per grade level except in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. They just added a fifth class because they had 23-24 students per class. I can't imagine having to try to control and teach 23-24 students. If you haven't experienced it, go sit in a classroom or volunteer.

Average number of students per class per grade level:

- Kindergarten - 18.75 students
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade - 17.25 students
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - 20.75 students
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - 18.6 students
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade - 20 students

State law allows a maximum of 22 students per class room. At any given time, this number can increase and cause another class. I ask you: What are we going to

do when we have new students arriving? Where are we going to put them? There is no available space.

On our tour, I was amazed at what we witnessed. I saw counselors in office sizes of 8x10, students being taught out in the hallways because they have no class rooms available for holding classes, a biology lab with one sink. There is an ESL class being held in an 8x10 storage closet. In the high school, many of the classrooms have 24 students with no room to move. In the girls' athletic department, there are five coaches that share a 12x12 room. There are chemistry and physics classrooms and labs that have never been upgraded since they were originally built due the rapid growth and space needed to upgrade. Every morning, the high school library (one room) holds 3-4 different classes at the same time because they have nowhere else to go. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders eat lunch at the same time with high school students in the middle school cafeteria. These are only a few examples of what I saw. I urge you to take the tour and see for yourself.

We all have to face the reality that the Salado community is growing.

This translates to SISD needing more classroom space. Portable buildings are great for storage and functional on construction sites, but they are not a long term solution for SISD. Today, all of the forth grade class rooms are in portable buildings. More students will be moving into the SISD and the school can't turn them away.

Parents make decisions for their children daily and try to help guide and teach them to be independent, so when they leave home, they can make their own decisions and be responsible individuals. Now is one of those times we need to show our children that passing the bond will ultimately better their education and create a safer environment for them to go to school.

If you haven't already, please participate in one of the upcoming campus tours. See first hand what

everyone is talking about. Tours are scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup> and January 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. beginning in front of the elementary building. If you don't have an hour to spend taking the tour, I urge you to stop by the office, get a sticker and walk through the three schools during school hours on your own. It just might give you a new perspective when viewing things from the inside.

Keep in mind that this bond calls for a new high school. It also calls for limited renovations and updates to existing facilities such as the TAE gym, football field, and interior updates for the

existing high school. We urge you to vote YES on February 4<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,  
Kem Kyburz

**To the editor:**

I am a mother of a Kindergartener and I also have two younger children that will be going to school here in Salado in the future. I went on the tour of the schools even though I was already planning on voting YES on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, and I'm glad I did. It saddens me to see these kids taking classes in closets and seeing that the nurse and counselors have also been shoved into closets for lack of room. How can we

expect our kids to flourish and our teachers to do the best they can for our kids under these conditions? I see absolutely no reason for this bond not to pass. It is our responsibility as adults to make sure the children in our community have every possible opportunity to become extraordinary adults and members of society. If you are thinking of voting NO, please take the tour first and then make your decision, for the sake of our kids and the future of Salado.

Karen Young

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### Eagles downed by Cougars

# Streak ends at 31

It ended at 31, and on Friday the 13th, no less.

With the number one spot in the district standings on the line, the fourth-ranked Jarrell Cougars found a way to stymie stand-out Eagle guard Ryan Clark, at the same time bringing to a close Salado's 31-game district win streak, which began all the way back in Feb. 2003.

By winning by a final of 52-36 on their home court, the Cougars edged ahead of the Eagles with a 5-0 mark in District 25AA. The Eagles (4-1, 15-6), meanwhile, find themselves in a logjam at second place, tied with Lago Vista and Somerville.

First year head coach Josh White knew going in that having to face the Cougars' on their home court was going to be no easy matter, but his squad went toe-to-toe with the favored Cougars early-on, earning a 15-14 lead after the first period. Eight of Jarrell's opening quarter points came from the line, while Salado - with Clark blanketed - got production from Noah Harbison, who scored seven in the first.

The Eagle lead was to be short-lived, however, as Salado tallied only three points in the second frame while Jarrell put up a methodical 14 to take a 28-18 lead at the half.

An early three-pointer from Clark in the third (only his second basket to that point) looked to put Salado back in the game, but foul trouble was to plague the Eagles the entire

night, and subsequently, the offense never got into rhythm.

At the close of three, Jarrell held a double-digit, 38-26 lead, which proved too much for the Eagles to surmount as the boys suffered their sixth loss of the year, first in district.

Harbison led all Salado scorers with 11 on the night. Clark was held to his lowest output of the season - seven points. David Rosenau chipped-in with six, while Tanner Myers scored four. The Jarrell trio of Sherek, Klepac and Summer accounted for 50 of the Cougars' 52 points.

Prior to the Jarrell showdown, on Jan. 10, Salado hosted Rogers. And this time, the opposing defense was unable to contain Clark, specifically his three-point shooting. Clark would go on to score 27 in the 57-40 Salado victory, with all of his points coming from behind the line.

The Eagles opened up a 15-5 lead after one and never looked back, extending the advantage to 36-16 at the half. With three more long balls from Clark in the third, combined with six points from

Justin Konzen, Salado led by 20, 47-27, and went on to cruise to a comfortable 17-point win.

Clark's 27 led all scorers, while Konzen had eight and Justin Pruitt and Slayt Ebeling each scored six. Chad Tumey and Chris Redman both scored three.

### Junior Varsity

The JV Eagles continued to compete well, winning a pair of district games last week over Rogers and Jarrell.

Against Rogers, Salado dominated from the opening tip, winning convincingly by a final of 52-25. Every player on the roster contributed points, led by Stephen Quick's 13-point effort and Nick Seawood, who scored a dozen.

Though the boys would pick-up another win a few days later versus Jarrell, the going was not nearly so easy, as Salado nearly allowed the Cougars to rally back from a 16-point fourth quarter deficit. Eventually, though, the Eagles would hold on for a 30-26 win.

Marquez scored nine in the victory for Salado, while Tyler Burden had eight.

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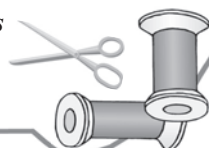
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## Lady Eagles make it 3 straight

After failing to break into the win column in the first four games of the district calendar, the Salado Lady Eagles made it three victories in row in hoops action last week. Salado defeated Rogers in an overtime thriller, 59-52 on Jan. 10, and followed that with a 64-20 dismantling of Jarrell Jan. 13 to keep their postseason hopes alive.

In a position where another district defeat would, for all intents and purposes, eliminate them from playoff contention, Coach Scott Copeland's Lady Eagles staged a second half rally against Rogers after falling behind

26-18 at the half to force overtime, and eventually won the game by seven.

Trailing by eight entering the second half of play, the Lady Eagle offense kicked into gear with a 21-point third quarter effort to take the lead, 39-27, entering the final frame.

But in the fourth, Rogers' Ashley Lomas almost single-handedly kept her squad in the game, scoring 11 of Rogers' 13 points in the fourth to help force overtime. In extra time, Salado kept finding ways to get to the free throw line, and made the shots count, while two free throws from Lomas (part of her game-high 23) was

all Rogers could muster.

Kelsey Gobin led the Lady Eagles with 17 points on the night, including three in overtime. Kristen Smith had 10 points in the game, three of those coming in the extra minutes, while Nicole Weatherly finished with nine and Tamra Stanish closed out the game with seven.

Riding the momentum from the Rogers win, Salado absolutely dominated Jarrell in a 64-20 rout, in a game that Salado led at the half by a score of 40-7.

With nine different players putting up points, Salado was led by Smith, who had 11, Stanish, who finished with 10, and Gobin and Dunnahoo, who both registered nine points.

The Lady Eagles are now 3-4 in district play.

### Junior Varsity

Taking the court just once last week, the JV Lady Eagles handled Jarrell with ease Jan. 13, to the tune of a 37-19 victory. Dannielle Hazzard poured-in 16 points to lead all scorers.

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He is the son of Ray French, of Fairview Drive, Crosby, TX, and Michelle Rank, of Salado.

French is a 2004 graduate of Cros

## SYBL standings

05-06 Salado Basketball Youth League game standings for Week 3:

### 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders (boys & girls combined)

Longhorns	2-0
Slammers	0-2
Sonics	1-2
Spurs	2-1
Vipers	1-1

### 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls

Jewels	3-1
Mustangs	0-4
Sparks	3-1

### 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

Ballers	2-1
Heat	1-1-1
Longhorns	1-2
Mavericks	1-2
Red Raiders	3-0
The Flash	0-2-1

### 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls

Eagles	4-0
Huskies	0-4
Red Hots	2-2

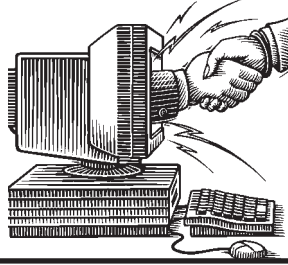
### 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

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Nets	3-0
Spurs	0-3
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## Village receives \$28,124.55 Sales tax continues upward trend in Jan.

The Village of Salado sales tax rebate last week was more than eight percent higher than last year's January payment, but the

Village continues to trail the growth shown by the state and the county.

The Village received \$28,124.55 last week, which was 8.18 percent more than last year's \$25,997.82 payment.

Two cities in Bell County showed considerable growth in sales tax rebates due to the construction of new Super Wal-Mart centers. Belton showed an increase of 37.09 percent with its \$188,826.48 January payment, while Harker Heights showed an 82.75 percent increase with its \$209,130.70 January payment.

The County showed a remarkable increase in the half-cent sales tax that it levies, receiving \$902,089.91 in January, which was 16.46 percent more than the January 2005 payment of \$778,880.27.

The Salado Public Library also showed a dramatic increase in sales tax revenues. It received a payment of \$18,242.71, which is 12.56 percent higher than last year's \$16,206.87 payment.

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced that the state collected \$1.57 billion in sales tax revenue in December, up 15.9 percent compared to December 2004.

Strayhorn sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their first sales tax allocations of 2006. January payments to local governments total \$401 million, up 21.9 percent compared to January 2005.

December state sales tax collections and January allocations to local governments represent sales that occurred in November. The late-November kick-off of holiday shopping gave sales tax revenue a boost, and purchases related to Southeast Texas' continuing recovery from Hurricane Rita continue to contribute to sales tax revenues.

Statewide, Comptroller Strayhorn sent January sales tax allocations of \$260.2 million to Texas cities, up 16.6 percent compared to January 2005. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$22.9 million, up 17.4 percent compared to last January.

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If nutrition is the most important part of

improving my health and fitness levels, why do most people focus on cardio respiratory training instead?

Cardio respiratory training is by far the easiest of the three components, but unfortunately it is also, by far, the least beneficial. I teach my clients to focus on their nutritional and resistance training programs first, then, and only then, to add the cardio respiratory training. The reasons are numerous, but what everybody should understand is this, if you are not eating properly and adding muscle with resistance training, cardio respiratory training can be detrimental to your health and fitness levels.

Not only do intense cardio respiratory training programs lead to over-training and injuries, they

## SHS Academic team brings home honors

Salado High School UIL Academic team competed in the Georgetown UIL tournament recently.

Bringing home the honors in these categories were:

- Speech: 1st Poetry, Dixie Darling; 1st LD Debate Tyler Cook; 3rd LD Debate Magan Bradshaw; 6th LD Debate, Taylor Reed; 2nd Persuasive Speaking, Tyler Cook; 6th Informative Speaking Magan Bradshaw.
- Octo-finalists CX Debate Grant Boston and Kylee Young; 2nd place Speaker in the Tournament - Magan Bradshaw; 3rd place Speaker in the Tournament - Tyler Cook;

4th place Speaker in the Tournament - Taylor Reed.

Academic: 2nd Editorial Writing, Crystal Schoellmann; 1st Literary Criticism, Kirsten Singleton; 3rd Literary Criticism, Ariel Simpson; 6th Literary Criticism Erin Bracken; Singleton, Simpson and Bracken, 1st place team Literary Criticism.

6th Spelling, Jonny Kendall, 3rd place team Spelling.

4th Number Sense, Ken Hora; 3rd place team Number Sense; 4th Calculator, Colby Cox; 3rd place team Calculator; 3rd place team Mathematics; 4th Computer Science, Michael Spinks.

## JP #2 report for December

Judge Don Engleking, Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2 of Bell County reports that court revenue for the month of December, 2005 has increased to \$46,627.00. Engleking reports that the court has showed a steady increase for the last three months. The increase is a result of a strong police presenvein the precinct as well as increases in court cost set by the state.

Revenue in Justice Court is the result of civil and criminal cases files. Cases filed in the last three months of 2005 have totaled more then 400 each month.

Cases filed include traffic offenses, non-traffic offenses, parks and wildlife offenses, small claims, civil claims and rental disputes.

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# CHURCH NEWS



Sawyer Landry Mullins was born on Dec. 30, 2005 to Brett and Cheri Mullins of Salado. She was 18-1/2 inches in length and weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. She is the grand-daughter of Jimmie and Jean Johnson, of Salado, and Joe and Vicki Mullins, of Salado.

## Jews for Jesus will sing at First Baptist Jan. 20

The First Baptist Church of Salado will host the Jews for Jesus music team, The Liberated Wailing Wall, in concert 7 p.m. Jan. 20 in the main Worship Center of the church.

Jews for Jesus - a group of traveling missionaries - developed their Jewish gospel style music over two decades ago, and will present a program of music, drama and testimony.

The music reflects many styles of Jewish and Christian worship. They use a variety of instruments to achieve their sound, including piano, guitar, violin, and dunbek (A Middle Eastern drum). Some songs capture the poignant longing that has been a part of synagogue worship throughout the ages. Some are in the style of the Eastern European klezmerim. Others are bursting with the same exuberance one would expect to find at an American Jewish

wedding. All the lyrics are taken from the Bible - the Hebrew Scriptures as well as the New Testament.

Jews for Jesus is an independent missionary organization founded in 1973 by Moishe Rosen. The Executive Director is David Brickner, whose staff consists of more than 100 workers based in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, France, Russia, Ukraine, Israel, South America and Australia.

The Liberated Wailing Wall has many recordings, the latest being, "Behold Your God." Anyone who would like to understand what being Jewish has to do with believing in Jesus is invited to come enjoy the stories, Hebrew music and ethnic costumes of The Liberate Wailing Wall. There is no admission charge but a love offering for the ministry of Jews for Jesus will be taken.

For more information call the church at 254-947-5465.

*In loving memory of Homer Roberson who passed away one year ago on December 25, 2004.*

*Thinking of You  
Thinking of you at this time of year  
Thinking of you and wish you were here  
God took you home on a wing and a prayer  
Safe in God's arms as you stay in his care.*

*We miss and love you with each passing day  
So quiet and empty since you went away  
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Traditional Worship/Bible Study	10:30 a.m.	Celebrate Recovery	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Jr. High Huddles	6:00 p.m.	Team Kid (Age 3 - 6th grade)	6:15 p.m.
Sr High Huddles	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting	6:15 p.m.
		Youth Half-Time	7:30 p.m.

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## Services held for Robert E. Merrill, 80

Robert E. Merrill, M.D., 80, of Salado, died January 11, 2006 at his home in Salado. A memorial service was held Jan. 14 at St. Frances Episcopal Church in Temple with Rev. Merry R. Wilburn officiating.

Dr. Merrill was born in Johnstown, Penn to Erle and Edna Bowers Merrill. He married Patricia MacDonald. She preceded him in death in November 2000. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He served on the Salado Independent School District Board of Trustees from 1996 to 2002. He was Vice-President of

the school board for two years, 2000 and 2001. Dr. Merrill was instrumental in getting two school bonds passed while serving on the board: one in 1998 for the intermediate school and one in 2000 for renovations of the schools. He wrote a handbook for school board members and established the Master Teacher Award in Salado I.S.D. He also planted the seed for the Salado Education Foundation.

Dr. Merrill is survived by three daughters, Susan Wallens, of Baltimore, Maryland, Nancy Wilson, of Kansas City, Kansas and Kathleen Jackson, of Looettsville, Virginia; one son, Forrest Merrill, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; one sister, Jane Kraus, of Akron, Ohio, and six grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Creek Preservation, c/o Salado Historical Society, PO Box 251, Salado, TX 76571; the Pediatric Department of Vanderbilt University, or VistaCare Hospice, 2626 S. 37th St., Temple, TX 76504.

Scanio-Harper Funeral Home, of Temple, was in charge of arrangements.



## Phairs celebrate 50th anniversary

Bradley Phair and the former Anne Randall Marston were honored recently with a family dinner to celebrate their 50th anniversary. They were married Dec. 23, 1955 in Dallas, at the University Methodist Church by the Reverend Bill Stevenson. Bradley retired as owner of Mill Creek Realty in Salado, and Anne is an artist and homemaker. They moved from Austin to Bell County in 1983. The dinner was hosted by their three sons and daughters-in-law, Brad III and Debbie Phair from Bryan, John Randall and Betty Ann Phair from San Angelo, and Joe and Lisa Phair from Austin. The couple has seven grandchildren.

## Baylor Women's Brunch will honor Hundley

The 12th Annual Baylor Women's Brunch will honor Judy Kelly Hundley on Jan. 21 at Tenroc Ranch in Salado.

The Brunch is sponsored by the Central Texas Chapter of the Baylor Alumni Association to raise funds for the Endowed Scholarship given to students in this area.

Hundley, who will be honored as the Distinguished Baylor Woman for 2006, was graduated from Baylor in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science degree. She earned a Master of Science degree in 1984. Hundley earned her mid-management administrator's certification in 1996 and superintendent's certification in 2004.

Tickets are \$25 per person. The Brunch will be 10 a.m.-noon at Tenroc Event Center.

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<b>Wed. 1:</b> Biscuit, Sausage patty	<b>Thurs. 2:</b> Breakfast Bar
<b>Fri. 3:</b> Bagel and Cream Cheese	<b>Mon. 6:</b> Breakfast Burrito
<b>Tues. 7:</b> Breakfast Bagel, Sausage	<b>Wed. 8:</b> Biscuit, Sausage patty
<b>Thurs. 9:</b> Sausage Rolls	<b>Fri. 10:</b> NO SCHOOL
<b>Mon. 13:</b> Breakfast on a Stick	<b>Tues. 14:</b> French Toast
<b>Wed. 15:</b> Biscuit, Sausage patty	<b>Thurs. 16:</b> Breakfast Bar
<b>Fri. 17:</b> Glazed donut	<b>Mon. 20:</b> Breakfast Burrito
<b>Tues. 21:</b> Breakfast Bagel, Sausage	<b>Wed. 22:</b> Biscuit, Sausage patty
<b>Thurs. 23:</b> Sausage Rolls	<b>Fri. 24:</b> Bagel and Cream Cheese
<b>Mon. 27:</b> Breakfast on a Stick	<b>Tues. 28:</b> French Toast

**Lunch:** Everyday: Choice of Milk

<b>Wed. 1:</b> Pizza - Pepperoni, Yogurt & Fruit plate, Hoagie, Corn, Breadstick, Peaches.	<b>Thurs. 2:</b> Nachos, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit.
<b>Fri. 3:</b> Cheeseburger on Roll, Chef Salad, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Oven Fries, Fruity Freeze.	<b>Mon. 6:</b> Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Rolls, Peas & Carrots, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Peas.
<b>Tues. 7:</b> Chicken - Oven Fried, Mac & Cheese, Chef salad, Hoagie, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Fresh Fruit.	<b>Wed. 8:</b> Pizza - Pepperoni, Yogurt & Fruit plate, Hoagie, Corn, Breadstick, Peaches.
<b>Thurs. 9:</b> Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Green beans, Garlic Bread, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Fresh Fruit.	<b>Fri. 10:</b> NO SCHOOL
<b>Mon. 13:</b> Corn Dogs, Ranch Style Beans, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Carrot Sticks, Applesauce.	<b>Tues. 14:</b> Chicken Sandwich, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Peas, Fresh Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookies.
<b>Wed. 15:</b> Pizza - Pepperoni, Yogurt & Fruit plate, Hoagie, Corn, Breadstick, Peaches.	<b>Thurs. 16:</b> Fish Sticks, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Texas Toast, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Sugar Cookies, Fresh Fruit.
<b>Fri. 17:</b> Cheeseburger on Roll, Chef Salad, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Oven Fries, Fruity Freeze.	<b>Mon. 20:</b> Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Peas, Texas Toast, Chef Salad, Hoagie.
<b>Tues. 21:</b> Chicken Spaghetti, Peas, Fresh Fruit, Rolls, Chef Salad, Hoagie.	<b>Wed. 22:</b> Pizza - Pepperoni, Yogurt & Fruit plate, Hoagie, Corn, Breadstick, Peaches.
<b>Thurs. 23:</b> Beef Taco, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Carrots, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Fresh Fruit.	<b>Fri. 24:</b> Cheeseburger on Roll, Chef Salad, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Oven Fries, Fruity Freeze.
<b>Mon. 27:</b> Chili Mac - Beef, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Green beans, Mixed Fruit, Cornbread.	<b>Tues. 28:</b> Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Carrots, Fresh Fruit, Rolls, Chef Salad, Hoagie.

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Second Grade  
A

Brady Alexander  
Amy Coleman  
Megan Daniell  
Dacen DePoy  
Ryan Dunnahoo  
Katey Ewton  
Makayla Hall  
Madeline Moore  
Lance Spakes  
Kathryn Steck  
Nikolas Lowrance  
Peyton Kyburz  
Kaitlin Kelley  
Adriana Hidrogo  
Briana Garner  
Tyler Fischer  
Payton Drietz  
Jeremiah Combs  
Katie Champion  
Ellie Bragg  
Colton Bolton  
Addie Ashe  
Zachery Hoover  
Maddie Suhling  
Xoe Arnold  
Ridge Heiner  
Meagan Hill  
Samantha Oyler  
Eduardo Jimenez  
Claire Manley  
Mikaela Rountree  
Taylor Schoenrock  
Ty Sebesta  
Cheyenne Vaca  
Jenna Wagnon  
Kayla Foust  
Justin Hitt  
Megan Holdampf  
Nathen Jones  
Sarah Letourneau  
Savannah McGuffey  
Madleine Murray  
PrestonPayne  
Abby Quick  
Madison Smith  
Grant Taylor  
Daniel Thoreson

Third Grade  
A

Katy Croftcheck  
Marissa DeLeon  
Rachel Evans  
Roddy Noonan  
Cameron Markham  
Chase Kelly  
Faith Renfro  
CeCe Cantu  
Casey Daniell  
Landry Smith  
Mason Taylor  
Shelby Tepera  
Ellis Van Sickle  
Darby Barker  
Ashley Beasley  
Kaylan Brown  
Sean Clement  
Christian Deal  
Michael McCullough

Fourth Grade  
A

Tristan Bragg  
Kindell Hill  
Samantha Laurenson  
Christian Molyneaux  
Robert Cortes  
Elizabeth Franco  
Morgan Hill  
Isaac Hopkins  
Jeana Marquez  
Sammy Nguyen  
Rachel Ray  
Abby Simmonds  
Kase Spears  
Jordan Drake  
Dane Hankamer  
Tyler Tischler  
Drew VanWinkle  
Casey Frazier  
Kyle Heiner  
Daniel Lemus  
Amy Manna  
Savannah Ortiz

A-B Honor Roll  
Second Grade  
Raul Armenta  
Alex DeLeon  
Lisette Chavez

Hayley Ingleston  
Josh Peschel  
Ryan Shilling  
Alexis Soto  
Sydney Taylor  
Courtney Brummett  
Maria Zabaleta  
Alex Soto  
Jason Flynn  
Trace Chitwood  
James Armas  
Phillip Ellis  
Garrett Parsons  
Tyler Polston  
Reagan Weaver  
Blake Fontz  
Marcus Garza  
Matthew Lastovica  
Tabitha Mazo  
Michael Pinkerton  
Kira Stevens  
Kristian Weaver  
Garrett White  
Bradley Yarbrough

Third Grade  
A/B

Faith Arnold  
Dylen Bradley  
Caleb Briehn  
Hunter Haagsma  
Breanna Landry  
Morgan Nazario  
Carmella Perez  
Sabrina Stanley  
Cheyenne Soto  
Taren Baldridge  
Ashley Combs  
David Berumen  
Justin Brown  
Sabia Colby  
Coleson Curry  
Morgan Marburger  
Tanja Rojas  
Oren Wilkerson  
Jessica Wolf  
Samantha Chick  
Isaac Henriquez  
Tori Howerton  
Cole Morrow  
Kristen Oakes  
Hawk Thompson  
Kayli Beck  
Kyle King  
Katie White  
Jacob Quick  
Colby Medlin  
Bryant Lisenbe  
Robin Kelley  
Jessica James  
Rebecca Carroll  
Cody Brown

Fourth Grade  
A/B

Macy Ashford  
Reagan Best  
Michael Hester  
Davis Little  
Josie Norman  
Jaylee Sebek  
Brandon Walker  
Mason Charanza  
Kole Hearne  
Chase Manning  
Mason Price  
Clayton Cole  
Bradley Cospier  
Alicia Decker  
Caden Eary  
Reagan Henning  
Sommer Sloan  
James Svadlenak  
Lexis Warren  
Dennie Barker  
Morgan Bassa  
Tryston Blisard  
Taylor West  
Brandon Wilhite  
Sierra Armstrong

Salado Intermediate School  
A Honor Roll

GRADE: 5

Armas, Jessica A  
Baxter, Cody R  
Butts, Michael C  
Clement, Dale T  
Cromwell, Taylor D  
DePriest, Madison T  
Golding, William W  
Grimsley, Marcene I  
Martin, James B  
Meritt, Paige E  
Price, Mattie R  
Robinson, Kylie A

Shearer, Taylor L  
Sibbitt, Stephen M  
Warren, Andrew J  
Wells, Kaci C  
Williams, Haley M

GRADE: 6

Austin, Mikayla N  
Bowman, Alexis G  
Carroll, Helena R  
Dale, James T  
Daniels, Morgan  
Davidson, Kaycie D  
Eary, Taylor N  
Garner, Alberto F  
Goodrum, Cole A  
Hopkins, Elaina C  
Kornegay, Jada K  
Langford, Cara A  
Licea, Valeria  
Marburger, Taylor A  
Meiman, Colton L  
Nguyen, Lan Anh  
Norman, Kori L  
Palomino, Kelsey L  
Payne, Lorna N  
Pinkerton, Teresa M  
Pitts, Tanner R  
Rangel, Abigail  
Rank, Chelsea M  
Romfh, George C  
Smith, Cameron L  
Spears, Koby B  
Svadenak, Jacob A  
Young, Haylee K

GRADE: 7

Boydston, Brennan R  
Burden, Ryan A  
Frazier, Brittney D  
Heiner, Jacob A  
Lavadia, Courtney N  
Little, Kandace E  
Miles, Audley O  
Ortiz, Kelsey R  
Oyler, Janson R  
Reed, Bailie K  
Schreiner, Tyndal E  
Sebek, Jenna M  
Suresh, Ryan P  
Van Winkle, Morgan K  
Warren, Paul J

GRADE: 8

Cute, Ryan Z  
Heller, Brandon J  
Kemp, Haley N  
Lincoln, Ashley R  
Noonan, Elena N  
Wagnon, Trenton J

A-B Honor Roll

GRADE: 5

Bailey, Todd N  
Barrett, Samuel R  
Benolken, Jacob C  
Brookbank, Michael B  
Buchele, Anna C  
Cox, Aaron C  
Daniels, Alexis L  
Fraire, Aron  
Giniewicz, Coby S  
Hoflund, Reece E  
Kelarek, Hannah M  
Kelley, Madison N  
Kirchmeier, Cameron J  
Kyle, Thomas P  
Manley, Andrew D  
Mattson, Megan B  
McGregor, Eric C  
Mendoza, Dylan R  
Monk, Amber L  
Moore, Sean M  
Mullins, Taylor N  
Murray, Patrick R  
Ortiz, Gustavo A  
Oyler, Joshua T  
Passage, Dillon J  
Pegues, John M  
Pyle, Sierra C  
Roberts, Julia C  
Robinson, Joshua M  
Shepperd, Cory R  
Suhling, Kyle T  
Ward, Meredith L

Wilkerson, Richard C  
Womac, Brandon D

GRADE: 6

Armstrong, Austin C  
Baker, Dakota J  
Belcher, Tori E  
Benoit, Cade P  
Best, Peyton G  
Bradley, Kyle R  
Briggs, Beau G  
Castillo, Nicholas R  
Edwards, Kyndall  
Gilchrest, Sharla M  
Green, Grace S  
Liller, Kathryn L  
Magee, Elaina R  
Mendoza, Marcos G  
Moffatt, Rebecca D  
Para, Tatianna R  
Piatt, Rachel D  
Rex, Joseph C  
Seaton, Hannah N  
Sellers, Victoria M  
Silva, Austin J  
Taylor, Courtnie M  
Terrell, Austin D

GRADE: 7

Barbosa, Dylan R  
Bintz, Camryn R  
Boysen, Sarah J  
Brank, Jacob A  
Bryant, Jared W  
Cahoon, Jacob M  
Caldwell, Taylor N  
Cecil, Shelby D  
Cleveland, William J  
Colacino, Courtney A  
Dunks, Kaly N  
Farrow, Alyssa M  
Hill, Callie M  
Hopkins, Rebecca L  
Huckerby, Katrina L  
Jackson, Logan M  
Joiner, Hadley P  
Liller, Jackson G  
Marburger, Garret C  
Miller, Shauna P  
Murphy, Chase A  
Norman, Colton L  
O'Rear, Taylor B  
Pinkerton, Rachel L  
Pipes, Hailee M  
Pivonka, Tara R  
Rudduck, Taylor L  
Smetana, Kasey L  
Smith, Connor K  
Sniggs, Stephen B  
Spinks, Rachel M  
Tucker, Braxton S  
Ward, Hunter J  
Willis, Alexandra R

GRADE: 8

Alpha, Joshua D  
Arnold, Ashlee J  
Belicek, Ashley E  
Buchele, Grace E  
Cabral, Cindy L  
Cloud, Stephanie R  
Cockrell, Taylor L  
Ferrell-Raborn, Jessica L  
Finger, Brittany N  
Fraire, Coral  
Gilchrest, Stetson B  
Jaimes, Daisy  
Lincoln, Alexander R  
Maldonado, Jace D  
Martin, Lindsay J  
McDaniel, Sindel A  
Ming, Mallory N  
Para, Natasha J  
Payne, Caroline L  
Petro, Rebecca E  
Pinkston, Paul A  
Quesinberry, Tiffany D  
Rodriquez, Doris O  
Sierra, Jayni H  
Simpson, Zoe B  
Svadenak, Jordan A  
Wells, Boomer W  
Zimmerhanzel, Kayla B

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GRADE: 9

Dunn, Jordan N  
Hearne, Kaylan

Heuer, Molly R  
Hofmann, Timothy R  
Schiller, Dara R  
Spinks, Jonathan P  
Ward, Garret G  
Watkins, Preston

GRADE: 10

Coleman, Joshua A  
Fritsch, Matthew T  
House, Alex W  
Jackson, Kevin M  
Langford, Cory W  
Palomino, Kamylle M  
Smith, Ryan W  
Stanish, Tamra N  
Suresh, Reena E

GRADE: 11

Barbosa, Evan D  
Burson, Jamie P  
Ingalsbe, Larissa  
Inocencio-Handorf, Jeanette C  
Kendall, Jonathan A  
Permenter, Clinton N  
Powell, Justin R  
Rooney, Molly M  
Schoellmann, Crystal J  
Simpson, Ariel D  
Smith, Samantha L  
Tucker, Brittany L

GRADE: 12

Bartlett, Lacey J  
Drake, Jacquelin R  
Gobin, Cody B  
Hale, Seth T  
Hargrove, Rachel L  
Hartman, Amber E  
Holdampf, Kathryn D  
Koiner, Amanda J  
LaFleur, Jeannette D  
Pruett, Kasey L  
Sauceda, Crystal D  
Shaw, Joshua C  
Singleton, Kirsten N  
Winters, Heather D

A-B Honor Roll

GRADE: 9

Baine, Thomas D  
Barton, Kimberli A  
Benoit, Beau G  
Bracken, Heath D  
Buchele, Wesley F  
Buckley, Reta A  
Cantrell, Ashlee E  
Cleveland, Sarah C  
Coffey, Lindsey D  
Danek, Sarah E  
Ervi, James R  
Frazier, Abby N  
Grigsby, Barton L  
Hazzard, Danielle R  
Herrmann, Kasie R  
Hollas, Bradford L  
Kelly, Morgan L  
Liller, William T  
Little, Craig A  
Mattson, Amanda L  
Melde, Nichole L  
Ming, Matthew D  
O'Rear, Ryan R  
Oyler, Caitlyn E  
Pena, Daena  
Prince, Patrick P  
Rank, Kaleigh A  
Reed, Taylor K  
Robison, InHey A  
Young, Kylee E

GRADE: 10

Arant, Matthew C  
Brown, Haley D  
Burden, Tyler M  
Bush, Joshua H  
Butts, Dallas H  
Culver, Lauren J  
Dowell, Sarah M  
Drake, Gene A  
Emerson, Jessica T  
Faber, Gregory W  
Goodnight, Karleigh R  
Haire, Lauren L  
Heller, Blake P

Hora, Lindsay E  
Ingalsbe, Donald L  
Johnson, Taylor K  
Jones, Caitlyn N  
Leifester, Jarrod C  
Mohammed, Nicholas A  
Molyneaux, Ty J  
Nix, Jonathan D  
Perez, Maria V  
Redman, Rebecca R  
Santoya, Eric J  
Simon, Amy L  
Simpson, Kimberly M  
Toledo, Adela D  
Torres, Biridiana A  
Villarreal, Maria G  
Wiley, Amanda L

GRADE: 11

Arias, Shea L  
Arnold, Haley N  
Boydston, Brandi P  
Bradshaw, Magan M  
Caldwell, Joshua G  
Cloud, Robert S  
Constancio, Robert A  
Ferrell-Raborn, Justine J  
Floyd, Kyle K  
Harris, Allana K  
Hora, Kenneth D  
Johnson, Tanner T  
Koiner, Westin R  
Martin, Leigh  
McCullough, Dixie D  
Meritt, Jacob M  
Messer, Brandi A  
Moffatt, Sara J  
Murray, Andrew J  
Myers, Tanner D  
Newman, Michael B  
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Quick, Stephen P  
Rodriguez, Jesse  
Shafie, Tavonn Y  
Shumate, Jessica L  
Sierra, Roselia H  
Sitz, Nathan A  
Thompson, Chelsi L  
Tichenor, Melissa R

GRADE: 12

Ashcraft, Ksee M  
Askins, Garrett D  
Baker, Michael J  
Bates, Brian K  
Billington, Mattie D  
Boston, Grant P  
Bracken, Erin E  
Coe, Chance-Michael J  
Cox, Justin C  
Dixon, Brittany J  
Dowell, Wesley E  
Easley, Tiffany A  
Ebeling, Slayton W  
Flynn, Gerald J  
Fry, Stephen L  
Gentry, Mark W  
Griffin, Leah M  
Houston, Nathan R  
Howerton, Jessica L  
Ingalsbe, Sylvia L  
Janda, Shae K  
Jones, Taylor L  
Kemp, Travis L  
Mendoza, Joshua A  
Myhre, Jennifer  
Ortiz, Federico T  
Oxenreider, John W  
Patockova, Veronika  
Peters, Brandon A  
Quirk, Jared M  
Radebaugh, Gavin S  
Smith, Kelsey L  
Soirez, Corey M  
Tichenor, Christina A  
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## Foundation United Methodist dedicates Baptismal Font Salado artists' work adorns church

The Foundation United Methodist Church in Temple is celebrating a new Baptismal Font created through the efforts of three Salado artisans. Project coordinator, designer, and Master Craftsman Robert Pascoe was inspired by the requirements of the congregation.

"I started by visiting the church to get a feel for the worship space, the design elements already employed, and the ideas expressed by the pastor and the trustee committee chair," says Pascoe, owner of the Salado Sawmill. "It was clear that this contemporary congregation wanted to step away from the traditional and express the spiritual nature of the baptism through a new and distinctive design."

His first task was to secure a vessel for the water. He turned to fellow Salado artisan Melissa Paxton, owner and chief designer at Salado's Coyote Glass. Paxton's product line includes distinctive glass sink basins with designs ranging from classical to modern. Pascoe secured a basin in the "river" pattern that was still in the early stage of production.

The three-quarter-inch thick clear-glass vessel was a perfect match for the avant-garde nature of the Foundation United Methodist Church congregation.

Pascoe then submitted eight designs with the basin as the center piece. Several of the plans stressed structural pecan timbers in an effort to carry the theme of the rugged pecan cross which hangs over the alter in the Foun-



dation worship space.

"The congregation chose the 'Trinity' design, employing three six-by-six inch pecan legs. Each leg is shaped in the form of a gothic arch and they are joined at the top by a crown of walnut," says Pascoe. "The glass bowl is designed to sit atop the crown."

Next, Pascoe turned to Salado artisan, Woody

Burgess, owner of the Hole In The Wall Sawmill, to mill the pecan timbers for the project. "Woody's mill might be better named the 'Manger Sawmill' as it sits in the middle of a pasture, and you have to prod the bull out of the way to get to it," Pascoe notes. Burgess makes rustic furniture and architectural elements

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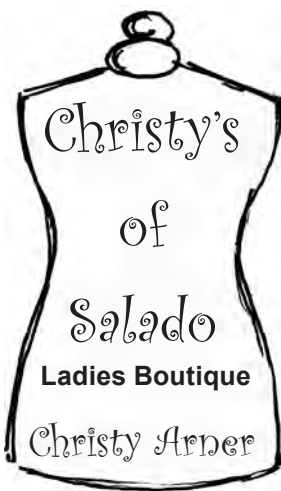
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**JANUARY 19**  
Presbyterian Church of Salado sponsors a four-week course on the study of the Torah, beginning 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Visitors are welcome. Bring a sack lunch. Info: 254-947-8106.

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

**JANUARY 19**  
Reception recognizing published authors in Salado, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Salado Public Library. This will be an informal evening where guests can meet and greet local authors. Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-9191.

**JANUARY 20**  
First Baptist Church



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of Salado hosts Jews for Jesus music group, **The Liberated Wailing Wall**, in concert 7 p.m. at the church. Free admission; love offering will be taken. Open the public. Info: 254-947-5465.

**JANUARY 24**  
Salado Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, 6 p.m. at Salado's Tenroc Event Center. Speaker: Dr. Gary McCaleb, Vice President of Abilene Christian University. Info: Salado Chamber, 254-947-5040.

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

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

**JANUARY 26-27**  
Living Room Theatre of Salado presents "Interview with an Immortal: Sarah Bernhardt" by Judy Greene at the home of Jeanie and Barton Jones. Info: 254-947-8300.

**JANUARY 28**  
Salado Cemetery Association Annual meeting 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Open to the public.

**FEBRUARY 3-5**  
Salado Mozart Festival, sponsored by Music in Salado, Texas, Inc., in celebration of the composer's 250th birthday. Performances include a Mozart Song Recital on Feb. 3 and

the International Piano Duo on Feb. 4. Info: 254-947-5592 or visit [www.musicinsalado.com](http://www.musicinsalado.com).

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

**FEBRUARY 4**  
Wildfire Open to the World team roping at Wildfire Ranch. Details TBA.

**FEBRUARY 4-5**  
Salado Legends auditions, 3-5 p.m. each day at Tablerock Amphitheater. Auditions for over 150 men, women and children. Scholarships available for college students. Info: Donnie Williams, 254-460-6838 or email [mrduck@vvm.com](mailto:mrduck@vvm.com).

**FEBRUARY 9**  
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: "Easy Ways to Stay Fit While Sitting Down," by Alice Cooper.

**FEBRUARY 9**  
Central Texas Poetry and Prose Readings, at Tablerock Amphitheater. Invited readings, 7 p.m.; Open mic, 9 p.m. Info: 254-947-9205.

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

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

**FEBRUARY 21**  
Teacup Tuesday

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

**FEBRUARY 23-25**  
Salado Soaring Eagle High School Softball Classic, at the Salado softball fields. More details TBA.

**FEBRUARY 27**  
Taste of Salado, sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS), 7 p.m. at Blue Heron Event Center at Tenroc Ranch. More details TBA.

**MARCH 2-5 & 9-12**  
First Annual Central Texas Shakespeare Invitational at Tablerock Amphitheater. March 2-5 will feature performances of Shakespeare by performers 18 and under; March 9-12 performances of all ages. Info: David Dunlap, 254-247-0220 or [ddunlap@tablerock.org](mailto:ddunlap@tablerock.org).

**MARCH 9**  
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Helen Alexander on "Stress Management."

**MARCH 17**  
11th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament at Mill Creek, benefitting Tablerock Amphitheater, \$60 entry fee. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Info: 254-947-3354 or email [tablerock1@aol.com](mailto:tablerock1@aol.com).

**MARCH 18**  
Salado Civic Center Auction and Dinner honoring Wilbur and Jessie Foster, 6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Tickets: \$10 per person. Info: 947-8300.

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

**MARCH 21**  
Salado Historical Society general meeting, 6:15 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

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

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

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

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**FEBRUARY 3-5**

Salado Mozart Festival, sponsored by Music in Salado, Texas, Inc., in celebration of the composer's 250th birthday, will feature performances by the International Piano Duo (left) and Marjorie Owens (above). Info: 254-947-5592 or visit [www.musicinsalado.com](http://www.musicinsalado.com).

**APRIL 13**

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program TBA.

**APRIL 14-16**

Easter Pageant at Tablerock Amphitheater, presented by First Baptist Church of Salado, 8:15 p.m., bring a lawn chair. Free admission; church groups welcome. Info: 254-947-5465 or [www.fbcsalado.org](http://www.fbcsalado.org).

**APRIL 18**

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

**APRIL 22**

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

**APRIL 22-23**

Eleventh Annual Gospel Festival at Tablerock Amphitheater, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. April 22 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. April 23. Food, drink, and gift vendors on-site. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets available at gate. Info: Donnie Jackson, 254-947-5100 or email [cvmusicministry@aol.com](mailto:cvmusicministry@aol.com).

**MAY 6-7**

Third Annual Salado Yard and Garden Tour, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 6 and 1-4 p.m. May 7. More details TBA.

**MAY 11**

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary Spring Luncheon at the Salado Civic Center. Program: Gwen Morrison on "Mothers and Daughters."

**MAY 13**

Eleventh Annual

Thomas Arnold Elementary Fourth Grade Play at Tablerock Amphitheater, 7:30 p.m. Students, under the direction of Jackie Mills, write, produce, crew and act in their own melodrama. Admission: Adults, \$5; children, \$3.

**MAY 16**

Teacup Tuesday meeting, "Tea, Talk and Togetherness" luncheon at Stagecoach Inn. Details TBA.

**MAY 25**

Salado High School Class of 2005-06 graduation ceremony at Bell County Expo Center. Info: Salado High School, 254-947-5429.

**JUNE 8**

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program TBA.

**JUNE 24-25**

Auditions for Tablerock's production of Macbeth, 3 p.m. both days at Tablerock. Director: David Dunlap, 254-247-0220 or [ddunlap@tablerock.org](mailto:ddunlap@tablerock.org).

**JULY 4**

Salado Historical Society Annual Picnic, 6:15 p.m. in Pace Park.

**JULY 13**

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program TBA.

**JULY 22, 29 & AUG. 5**

Tablerock's 14th Annual presentation of Salado Legends, 8:15 p.m. Dinner: 7:15 p.m., cost \$8, reservations required. Performance tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Info: 254-947-3205 or [www.tablerock.org](http://www.tablerock.org).

**AUGUST 5-6**

40th Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

**AUGUST 10**

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Paul Letourneau on his book "My Vietnam Experiences." Spouses invited.

**OCTOBER 12-14**

Annual Christmas in October event, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. Details TBA.



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and architectural elements from the timbers he mills in the pasture.

He was able to acquire a pecan log and milled the timbers required by Pascoe's design. Pascoe then plied his craft at his workshop in the Salado Sawmill, sculpting the leg, securing them to the

crown, and adding light elements to highlight and dramatize the design of the finished piece. One of the lights shines upward into the bowl which is defused by the water which shimmers when the water is disturbed.

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# Attorney discusses Electoral College

Dallas author and attorney Tara Ross addressed the Rotary Club of Salado on the benefits of the American Electoral College.

Ross, who has been published in several law reviews as well as *USA Today*, *The Washington Times*, *National Law Journal*, and *Notre Dame Journal of Law*, is a regular columnist for *The American Enterprise*.

Her current book, **Enlightened Democracy**, a chronicle and history of the Electoral College, has received numerous positive reviews and includes a foreword by George Will. She is currently associated with Colonial Press of Dallas.

Ross, a graduate of Rice University and the University of Texas School of Law, said that contrary to popular belief, until the recent elections Democrats have been the strongest proponents of the Electoral College. Al Gore, she noted, actually prepared a position paper strongly opposing any other method, but with-

held publication after his unsuccessful presidential run. As it stands now, Ross said the Electoral College remains a partisan issue, only now the Republicans are its proponents.

Ross continued by outlining what she considers the rationale and need for the Electoral College. She says it requires candidates to reach out to all the people rather than focusing on just the populous regions of the country, illustrating this by pointing out that both FDR and Ronald Reagan presented themselves as "Everybody's President." She also provided details of JFK's strong support for the Electoral College, and contended that it encourages candidates to reach out to people "not like themselves."

The second benefit, Ross continued, is that in spite of the last few elections, the college provides stability in the election process because only a few states have to be reviewed if election issues arise. A third benefit is that it provides presidents



Tara Ross

a strong victory margin and perceived mandate, even in close popular elections. She cited the Clinton elections as examples. She pointed out that in

countries such as Italy, which relies on popular elections, there is a greater lack of stability.

--REPORTED BY GERRY REIHSEN

# NHS inducts 17

The Salado High School chapter of National Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony for new members Jan. 12 in the SIS auditorium.

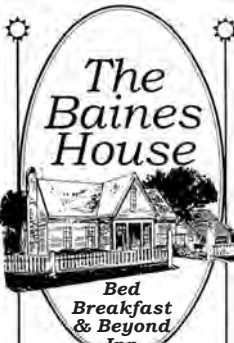
The officers, Kathryn Holdampf, Mattie Billington, Colby Cox and Molly Rooney spoke on the four characteristics on which NHS is founded: scholarship, leadership, character and service.

President Kirsten Singleton gave the pledge to the 17 new members and presented them with an NHS membership card. The parents of the

inductees draped the NHS cords on their child.

The new members are Lacey Bartlett, Kate Marshall, Jessica Whitmire, Ken Hora, Tavonn Shafie, Matt Arant, Josh Bush, Josh Coleman, Matt Fritsch, Alex House, Kevin Jackson, Nick Mohammed, Kamyille Palomino, Valeria Rangel, Colin Smith, Tamra Stanish, and Reena Suresh.

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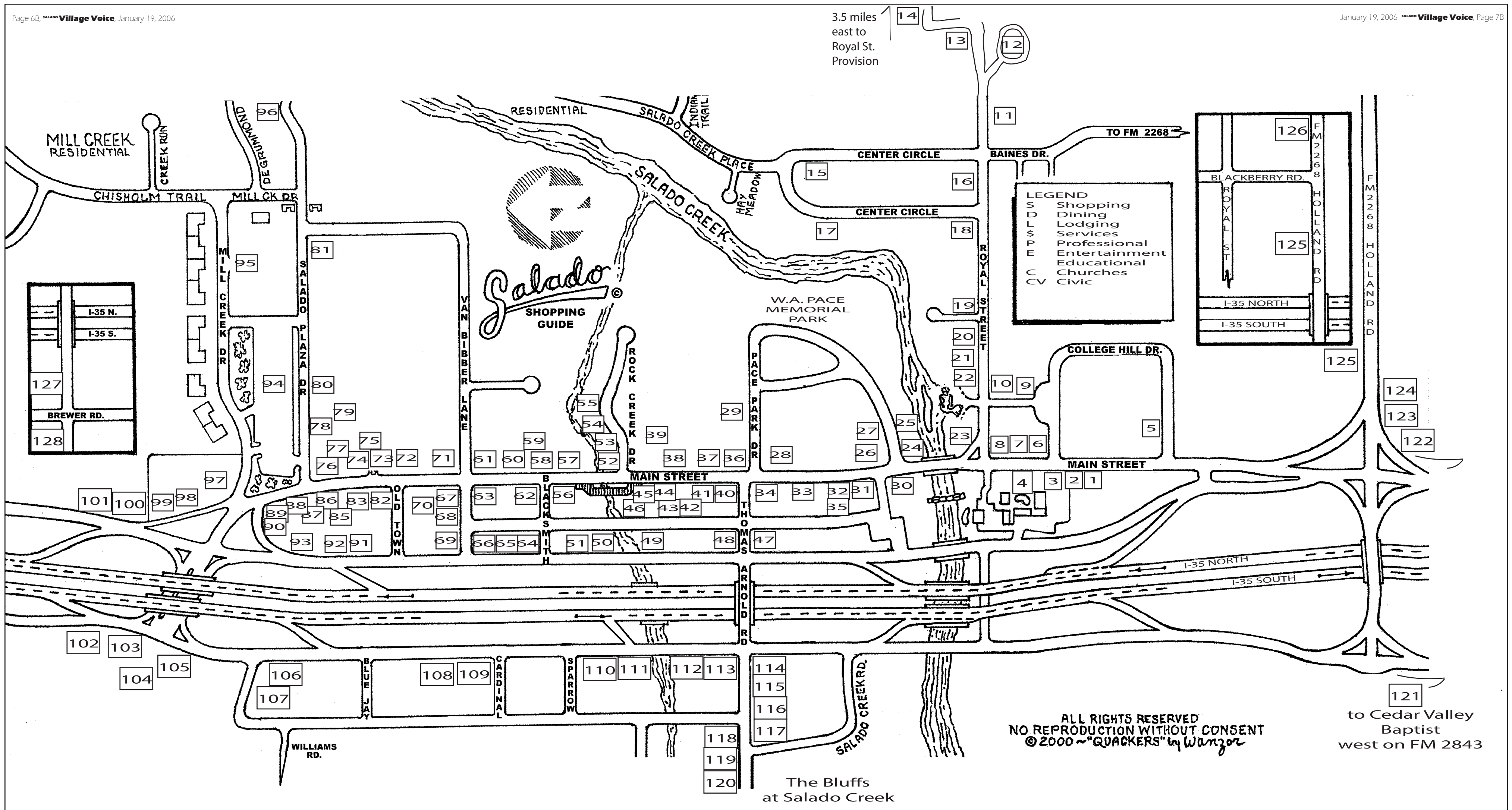


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The work is by Judy Greene, adapted by Ramon Carver, based on a biography of Sarah Bernhardt by Liz Silverthorne. Greene and Carver will appear as the Immortal Sarah and a ghost writer, debating the facts of her life.

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SARAH: You say I had many lovers. You say I

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RAMON: Why not?

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- sea salt & ground black pepper
- 1 cup half & half or milk
- 1 cup shredded Monterey jack cheese
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into thin strips
- 1 green bell pepper, cut into thin strips
- 1/2 cup chopped scallions
- 1/2 cup mild fresh salsa
- 1/3 cup diced green chiles

Preheat oven to 375°F. Beat eggs and heavy cream in a medium mixing bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Sprinkle half of the cheese in the bottom of pie shell. Arrange the bell peppers, scallions, salsa and green chilies on the cheese. Pour in egg mixture and top with remaining cheese. Bake 40-50 minutes or until knife inserted halfway between center and edge comes out clean. Cover with foil if top browns too quickly. Remove and let

cool at least 15 minutes before serving.  
Nutrition Info  
Per Serving (166g-wt.):  
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15g carbohydrate,  
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Serves 4

- 4 dried shiitake mushrooms
- 3 TB wakame flakes
- 2 cups warm water
- 1 small turnip with greens, rinsed
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- 1 cup onion, thinly sliced
- 2 medium carrots, cut into matchsticks
- 6 cups water



- 4 TB barley miso
- 1 green onion, thinly sliced (garnish)

Ingredient Options: Vary vegetables and type of miso to suit your taste and availability.

Rinse shiitakes and wakame flakes, then soak in the two cups warm water for about five minutes or until soft. Drain well. Cut shiitakes into thin slices. Mince turnip and remove thick stems from greens, then roughly chop. Heat oil in large pot over medium heat. Sauté onion, carrots and turnip for about five minutes. Add six cups water and bring to a boil then reduce heat to simmer. Add mushrooms and wakame and cook for three minutes. Add greens and cook for three more minutes. Turn heat to

low.

Place the miso in a small bowl, mug or mortar and pestle and add about 3/4 cup of the broth. Stir to combine. Add miso broth to soup pot and stir to combine. Cook for another few minutes, making sure that the soup is not boiling. (Never boil miso as that will destroy the beneficial enzymes.) Garnish with green onion and serve.

Nutrition Info

Per Serving (609g-wt.):  
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4g protein, 15g total carbohydrate (3g dietary fiber, 5g sugar),  
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# Pomegranates have odd look, great taste

If you've never experienced the taste of a pomegranate, have a look at this unusual fruit that has been around since ancient days.

There are references to it in a medical text by Dioscorides, a Greek physician with Nero's army. Its health value was recognized then, and new research indicates that pomegranates are rich in antioxidants, which may help promote a healthy heart. Like all fresh fruits and vegetables, they have no cholesterol and are good sources of vitamin C, iron and potassium.

Don't pass up this odd-looking fruit, which is unique inside and out. Try it and you too may become a fan. Several varieties are grown in California, among them POM Wonderful, which is what's in the market now.

Pomegranates have a thin, burgundy red skin enclosing arils, jewel-like edible juice sacs that hold tiny edible seeds. Arils rest in a thin yellowish-white membrane that easily peels away and is discarded. Many consumers chew and swallow the seeds, while others prefer

to -- there's no nice way to say this -- spit them out.

Pomegranates are not only good to eat, they add a lovely touch to home decor. You'll find ideas on [www.pomwonderful.com](http://www.pomwonderful.com) or [www.pomegranates.org](http://www.pomegranates.org).

You can juice them, or use packaged juice, which is in the refrigerator section. Latkes with Pomegranate Syrup uses this convenience, as well as a latke mix.

## Latkes With Pomegranate Syrup

- 1 POM Wonderful pomegranate
- 2 cups pomegranate juice
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 package latke mix

Score skin of pomegranate from top to bottom in five or six places. Place pomegranate in bowl of water to free arils. Arils will sink to bottom and membrane will float to top. Discard membrane. Drain and place arils in another bowl. Dry 1/4 cup arils on paper towels and set aside. Refrigerate remaining arils up to 3 days.

To make syrup: Com-

## The Chopping Block

By Philomena Corradeno

bine juice and sugar in small saucepan. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer about 20 minutes until reduced to 1 cup, stirring frequently. Keep warm.

Meanwhile, prepare latkes according to package directions. Place on serving plate. Drizzle with pomegranate syrup. Garnish with reserved 1/4 cup arils. Makes 6 servings. \*\*\*

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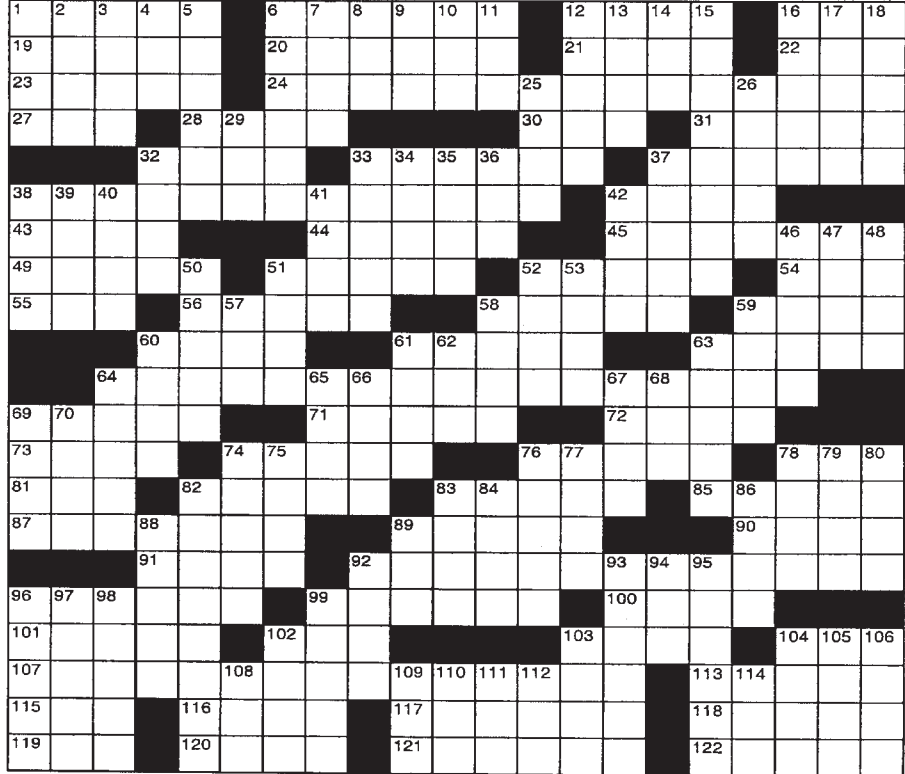
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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
 by Linda Thistle

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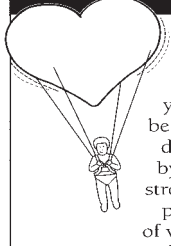
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South dealer.  
 North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
 ♠ 8 7 4  
 ♥ K 9 5 2  
 ♦ Q J 3  
 ♣ Q J 4

**WEST**  
 ♠ Q J 10 5  
 ♥ 7 4  
 ♦ 10 9 6 5  
 ♣ 8 7 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ 9 6 2  
 ♥ A Q  
 ♦ A 8 4 2  
 ♣ 10 6 5 3

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A K 3  
 ♥ J 10 8 6 3  
 ♦ K 7  
 ♣ A K 9

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass  
 4♥

Opening lead — queen of spades.

## Looking into the future

### Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of planning the play. Regrettably, too many declarers play most hands on a trick-by-trick basis, instead of organizing a plan at the start that they intend to pursue to the end.

For example, consider this deal where South is in three notrump and West leads a heart. Dummy wins with the ace, and declarer must find the best way to proceed.

If he leads a club at trick two (because it is by far his most promising suit), he is likely to finish down two. East goes up with the ace and returns the nine of hearts. South's jack loses to the queen, and the eight-of-hearts return establishes West's suit.

Declarer has only eight sure winners at this point, so after cashing his clubs he leads the queen of diamonds from dummy and finesses. West wins with the king, and South is kaput.

But if South devotes more time to planning the play at trick two and resists the immediate impulse to attack clubs, he finds he can guarantee the contract by leading the queen of diamonds from dummy instead.

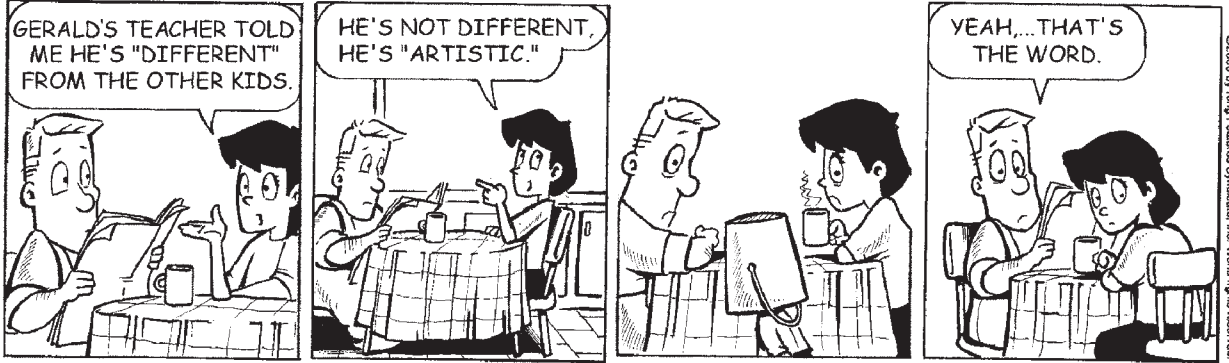
If the finesse wins, South next forces out the ace of clubs to assure nine tricks. If the finesse loses, as it does in the actual deal, declarer is on equally firm ground. There is nothing West can do at trick three to stop the contract. If he returns a heart, South makes four notrump; if he returns anything else, South makes three notrump.

The success of the operation rests entirely on South's state of mind at trick two. If he instinctively plays a club, the contract fails, but if he judiciously takes the time to plan his line of play, he gets home safely.



# Amber Waves

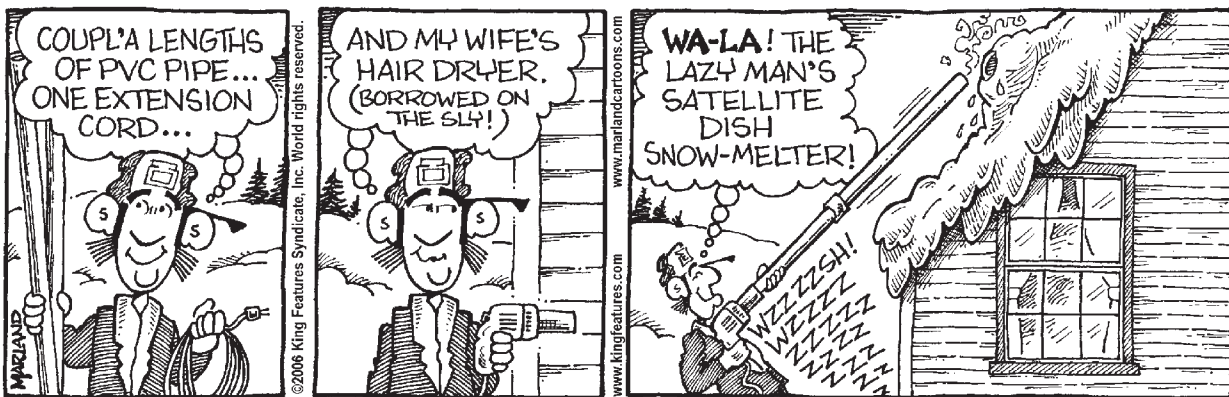
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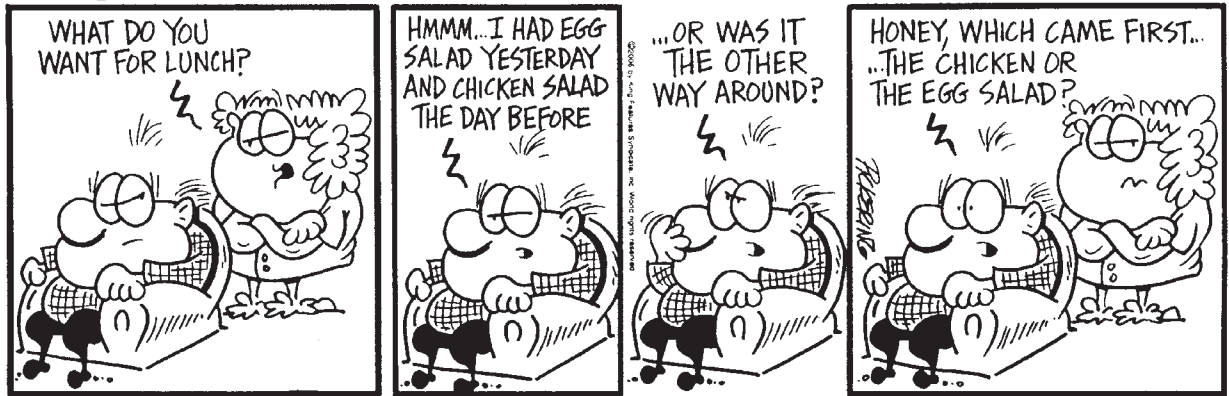
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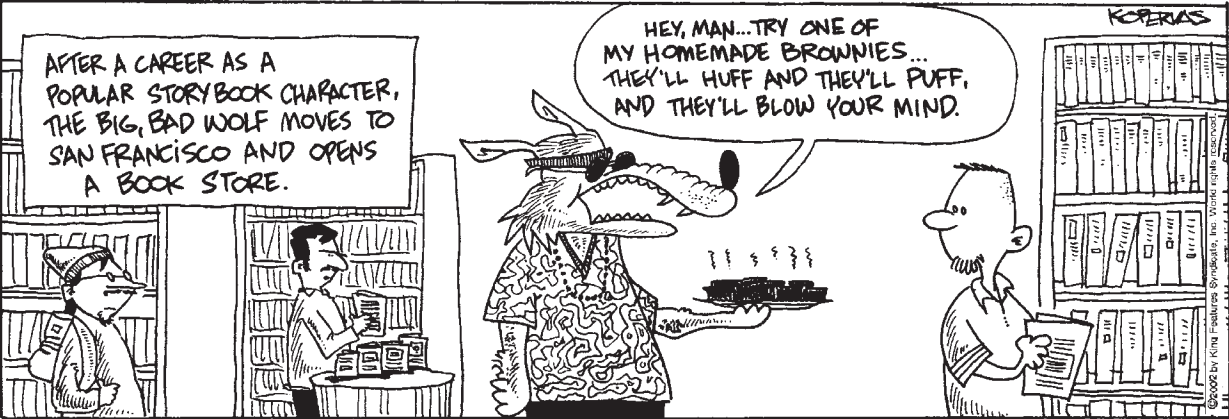
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## Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

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# A night at the Hangar Hotel

by

Tumbleweed  
Smith



Some pilot friends told me about the Hangar Hotel at the airport in Fredericksburg. They raved about it, said it was one of the nicest surprises they had ever seen. So on a recent trip to South Texas I made sure I spent a night at the Hangar Hotel.

It looks like a World War Two hangar, but it was built from the ground up just two years ago. It still looks brand new.

When you walk into the lobby area, you have the feeling you've stepped into a 1940s officer's barracks. Old radios and telephones are displayed on tables. The telephones look like they are dial, but they are actually push button, modern phones.

All rooms have mahogany sleigh beds with high quality king size mattresses. The sheets are made of Egyptian cotton and are ironed daily.

The chairs are covered in bomber jacket leather.

The hotel is owned by Richard Estenson, a former NASA engineer who was tired of going to airports that had few if any accommodations for pilots. He has been a developer since leaving NASA and moved to Fredericksburg to raise his two daughters. He and his family live on a ranch just outside of town. He has enjoyed living in the hill country. He bought an old building in downtown Fredericksburg and turned it into a brewery and restaurant.

About the hotel, Richard says, "I like to do things a little different, things that haven't been done by anyone else. To my knowledge there's nothing that's been done like this."

The 50 room two-story hotel is just a part of Estenson's holdings at the airport. He has also built a diner and conference center. A nightclub with a pacific theme is due to open in the spring.

"Pilots can taxi as close as a foot away from the diner, hotel or conference center," says Richard. "I've gone to a lot of places to research the shape of

the old hangars, and see how they are built. The diner adjacent to us was also researched, primarily in the northeast where diners are quite common."

You don't have to be a pilot to stay there. "Only about 35 percent of the guests fly in. The rest are people who like aviation or enjoy something different or appreciate the quality and luxury that we offer. From the exterior, it doesn't appear to have the luxury it has."

An officers club off the lobby has a full service bar, fireplace, grand piano, wireless internet, huge TV, pool table and comfortable chairs. An observation deck allows guests to see planes landing and departing. The price of a room is about a third of what you would expect to pay. I'll go back to the Hangar Hotel.

# Mozart Festival upcoming

In commemoration of the 250th birthday of Mozart, Music In Salado, Texas, Inc. will sponsor the Salado Mozart Festival Feb. 3-5, with performances at the Salado Silver Spur

Theater. Performers include soprano Marjorie Owens, who will give a Mozart Song Recital 7 p.m. Feb. 3 and the Genius of Mozart 2 p.m. Feb. 4, and the International Piano Duo, who will

perform 7 p.m. Feb. 4. In addition, Dr. Laurel Zeiss, professor of musicology at Baylor University, will present "The Genius of Mozart: Fact and Fiction" as a lecture and lunch, noon Feb. 4 at Stagecoach Inn. Cost is \$15.

Owens, a native of Virginia and graduate of Baylor University, is a veteran of the Houston Grand Opera Studio, the Fort Worth Opera, the Aspen Opera Theater and Opera Illinois. In 2005, she was the winner of the McCammon Vocal Competition in Fort Worth, and in 2004 she was awarded second place in the Advanced Division of the Palm Beach Opera Competition.

The International Piano Duo, consisting of Krassimira Jordan and Wolfgang Watzinger, in the past played to appreciative Salado audiences as part of a previous Music In Salado event. Jordan, a professor of piano and

Artist-in-Residence at Baylor University, has established a worldwide reputation as a concert pianist and recording artist. She is the recipient of many prestigious awards, including the Mozart "Clara Haskil" Prize and the Gold Medal at 1981 Rio de Janeiro International Piano Competition, where she represented Austria.

Her partner in the International Piano Duo, Wolfgang Watzinger, was born in Darmstadt, Germany, and studies at the music academies in Freiburg, Germany, and Salzburg, Austria. He has performed with acclaim as a recitalist and orchestral soloist in Europe, the U.S., South Africa, Asia and South America.

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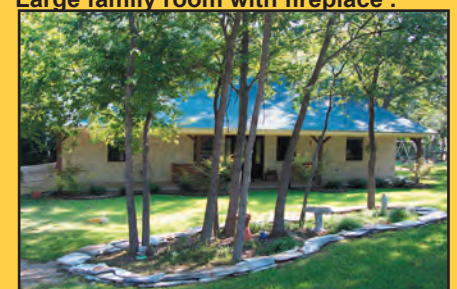
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# Are iPods good or bad for environ?

**Dear EarthTalk: What are the environmental implications of the proliferation of iPods specifically and digital music in general? - Mike Romano, San Francisco, CA**

The advent of digital music and other forms of entertainment downloaded over the Internet has staggering repercussions for not only the music industry and the consumer experience, but also for the environment.

Analysts estimate that American consumers buy about a billion compact discs (CDs) every year, most which eventually end up in landfills or incinerators. Since CDs are a mix of polycarbonate, plastic and aluminum, they don't easily break down and are not easily recycled. They are also not biodegradable, so they won't break down in landfills. And when incinerated they release toxic fumes into the air.

In contrast, songs downloaded from the Internet consume only hard drive space, and don't contribute directly to the waste stream. To get rid of downloaded music, one need only drag it to the trash symbol on the desktop. As of January 2006, consumers have downloaded more than 850 million songs via Apple's iTunes service alone. If all this music had been copied to CDs it would have filled up 85 million disks.

That's not the whole story, of course. Downloaded music has to be played, and a large amount of "e-waste" (electronic waste) is already clogging landfills in every community. Consumer electronics contain large amounts of nasty toxins such as lead, mercury and cadmium, so when computers, monitors and MP3 players end up in landfills, they

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can contaminate the surroundings and become a serious health issue.

iPod-maker Apple has come under fire from the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition, a group advocating for clean computer production and disposal. The group charges that Apple's hardware recycling program, which accepted 1,500 tons of old equipment last year from consumers, is woefully inadequate, and that Apple has been lobbying against legislation that

sets up such "takeback" programs. They also claim that iPod batteries wear out too soon, prompting consumers to junk the gadgets prematurely. Apple disputes the charges, claiming it is one of the most environmentally responsible businesses in the industry.

But music aficionados need to hear the sounds they love, so digitally downloaded music seems to be the more environmentally friendly choice, especially if consumers make efforts to recycle as much of their e-waste as possible. Apple, Dell, HP and IBM all offer low-cost ways to recycle hardware directly.

Meanwhile, some groundbreaking new CDs, one made from corn and another partly from paper, are on the horizon.

But until such

innovations become de rigueur, environmentally conscious CD buyers will have to be content passing on their old CDs to friends, selling them to used record stores, or sending them out to recycling centers set up specifically for e-waste, such as the Washington-based GreenDisk.

CONTACTS: Apple Product Take-Back; [www.apple.com/environment/recycling/Computer](http://www.apple.com/environment/recycling/Computer); Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition, [www.svtc.org](http://www.svtc.org); GreenDisk, [www.greendisk.com](http://www.greendisk.com).

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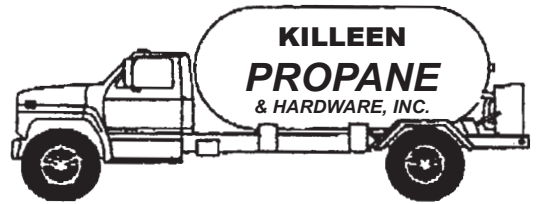
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**Reduced!**



Enjoy the peaceful setting of this tree-covered lot. 3/2/2 that is close in Salado all for just ~~\$479,900~~. **Price Reduced to \$169,900.**



**Reduced!**



Great Location, close to Pro Shop in Mill Creek. This 2/2/1 newly renovated condominium has it all for just ~~\$459,900~~. **Price Reduced to \$155,000.**



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



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



**Reduced!**



**Spacious Home on Quiet Street:** 6/6/1, the possibilities are endless with over 3,500 sq. ft. on approximately 1.4 acres. Home or business. **Reduced \$229,900.**



**Private ranch estate!** Austin stone home on over 11 tree-covered acres located southwest of Salado. Thermador appliances, hardwood floors, covered porches, 3 fireplaces. **\$699,900.**



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



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



**Beautifully restored railroad depot on 16+ acres.** Master suite, country kitchen, large suite for guests/children. Garage with lots of storage areas that could be extra living. Horse stables, everything you could ask for in a convenient home on the range. **\$525,000.**



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1.32 acre fronting I-35 with home, **\$350,000**  
30 acres fronting I-35, 1 mile south of Stagecoach Inn. Additional 30 acres available .87 acres off N. Stagecoach Rd. **\$147,408.**  
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